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FROM THE *resident*

Welcome to the Fall 2008 issue of the Wesleyan Magazine! As our cover suggests, we are celebrating Wesleyan's rich heritage of excellence in the arts. Since its founding in 1836, Wesleyan has embraced the arts with programs of study in music and visual arts, adding theatre later. Today, dynamic instruction and performance in each discipline continue to draw creative women to Wesleyan for the latest in fine arts programming.

So, come to campus and enjoy the arts, including the majesty of Aeolian Opus 1542! Wesleyan's historic Goodwyn-Candler-Panoz organ, the largest musical instrument in central Georgia, is the centerpiece of great celebration. Recently redesigned and expanded through a million dollar renovation project, our spectacular instrument, along with its nearly 5,000 pipes, is filling the Wesleyan campus with new energy.

Coincidentally, the American Guild of Organists has designated 2008-2009 as the International Year of the Organ. Wesleyan will play special tribute to the International Organ celebration through several events, including a Macon Symphony Orchestra Master Works event with Wesleyan Organist and Assistant Professor of Music Dr. Michael McGhee on October 18, 2008 in the Wesleyan's Porter Auditorium.

In 2004, Wesleyan began a plan for excellence centered on a series of academic centers, which will strengthen existing programs for our students, promote professional development for our faculty, and reach out to our community. The Centers will quite literally extend the campus – bringing the world to Wesleyan and taking Wesleyan students into the world. Under the leadership of its new director, Lisa Sloben, Wesleyan's newest center of excellence is bursting with activity. Now fully implemented, The Center for Creative & Performing Arts will serve Wesleyan and the surrounding community with a variety of visual, performing, and literary arts experiences.

This year Wesleyan will present more than thirty cultural arts programs to the faculty, students, alumnae, and greater middle Georgia community. The educational activities that accompany each performance, exhibition, concert, and recital are especially meaningful to our students. One of the highlights of our cultural calendar is a concert

and Master Class with Metropolitan Opera Star Frederica von Stade and accompanist Martin Katz. The concert is the first in a series of distinctive performances brought to Wesleyan by the Fine Arts Committee of the Board of Trustees, chaired by Trustee and Alumna Kate Watson.

A liberal arts background equips Wesleyan women with a unique perspective that makes them highly competitive for many professional opportunities and quite successful at whatever they chose to do. Wesleyan fine arts majors are consistently accepted into excellent graduate programs, and they have gone on to fulfilling careers practicing and teaching the arts. Wesleyan women are excelling in every field but especially in the fields of art, music, and theatre. Within these pages, you'll learn of the accomplishments of dozens and dozens of those extraordinary alumnae.

We celebrate the Green Knights in this issue also. Of the 2008 graduates who earned the Bachelor of Arts degree at Wesleyan, 16% earned double majors and 30% graduated with honors. More than 30% of the graduating class immediately began graduate programs that represent a broad range of study including psychology, law, veterinary medicine, art history, finance, economics, and business administration. Read about our celebration of their Commencement and enjoy meeting five outstanding representatives of the Class of 2008. With interests that range from art restoration and marketing to mathematics and economics, these wonderful women of Wesleyan will make you proud. They, once again, give us solid evidence that today's Wesleyan experience produces smart, well-rounded, and talented leaders who aim high and appreciate the sisterhood we all share.

Of course, we also include plenty of pages dedicated to the 2008 Alumnae Weekend, the recognition of another group of exemplary alumnae, and lots and lots of alumnae news in Class Notes. This issue is filled with celebration and fun!

My best to you all,

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Celebrating Wesleyan

Aeolian

Opus 1542

Experience the majesty of Aeolian Opus 1542! Wesleyan's historic Goodwyn-Candler-Panoz organ, the largest musical instrument in central Georgia, is the centerpiece of much celebration. Recently redesigned and expanded through a major renovation project, the 1925 instrument and its nearly 5,000 pipes is vibrating the Wesleyan campus with new energy.

Earlier this month, the Wesleyan community celebrated the gift of Aeolian Opus 1542 through a spectacular rededication ceremony featuring a concert performance by Peter Richard Conte, the Grand Organist of the world-famous Wanamaker organ at Macy's Department Store in Philadelphia. Rededicating the organ plays tribute to a generous donation from Nancy C. Panoz, a friend of the College who also was honored in 2003 when she received an honorary doctor of commercial science.

In 2007, the organ's pipes were packed in crates and sent to the Schantz Organ Company in Orrville, Ohio for repairs, cleaning, and re-voicing. The removal of the organ took ten days and the work in the organ shop was completed over eight months. The organ returned to Wesleyan's campus in July of 2008, and the reinstallation continued through August. A team from Schantz spent an additional seven weeks voicing and tuning each pipe individually so that they sound properly in Wesleyan's auditorium.

Each of the organ's 4,752 pipes is actually an individual windblown instrument, crafted and re-voiced especially for use in the auditorium. Organized into seventy-two ranks or sets of pipes, the pipes are made from an assortment of materials including zinc, lead, tin, and wood. The majority of the pipes, however, are made from a tin-lead alloy. The largest pipe in the instrument is over twenty-eight feet in length. By contrast, the smallest pipes are no larger than a common pencil.

The organ's five divisions — Great, Swell, Choir, Solo, and Pedal — are actually complete organs within themselves. The Great and Pedal form the backbone of the ensemble, while the Swell, Choir, and Solo, with their variety of accompanimental and solo sounds, are placed behind expression louvers to allow further control of dynamics. The organ is divided on either side of the stage, behind a speaking façade comprised of the Great 16' Violone and the Pedal 16' Principal. The organ's orchestral design features several characteristic stops including a wealth of unison pitch string tone, distinctive flutes, and fiery reeds — highlighted by the new 8' Tuba Magna — among its complete tonal resources.

The four-manual, English-style drawknob console is made of cherry, with cherry stop jambs, ebony drawknobs and keys of bone and ebony. The console is now moveable and is placed on a lift in the orchestra pit. It can be moved to stage level for organ concerts. The new console features all of the modern conveniences for aiding the player including a solid-state combination

action with two hundred, fifty-five levels of memory, a full Midi interface, a piston sequencer and a record/playback system. Using the newly added USB port, the organist can insert a flash drive on which to store the recording. The organ will remember all the keys pressed, stops pulled, and pedals pushed. This is valuable for teaching because the student can step away from the instrument into the center of the auditorium and hear her own performance.

Wesleyan's 1925 Aeolian organ is a superb example of the American orchestral organ that was being built in the early twentieth century. Organs like Aeolian Opus 1542 are rare because organ-building practices changed dramatically later in the twentieth century and many organs from the early 1900s were replaced with a different style of instrument.

Wesleyan's 72-rank Goodwyn-Candler-Panoz organ was a gift to the school by Asa Candler, Jr., the second son of the Coca-Cola Company founder. In 1925, Asa Jr. installed an 88-rank pipe organ in his Atlanta mansion known as Briarcliff Manor. The purchase price of the organ was \$94,000. His father and older brother had Aeolian organs in their homes, and not to be outdone, Asa Jr. made certain his organ was the most grand. The organ was the 8th largest instrument that the Aeolian Company built for a residence and was the largest privately owned pipe organ in Georgia when it was installed.

A new three-story, 1700-square-foot music room was added to the Candler mansion to accommodate the organ. Aeolian only installed four organs in Georgia, and they were all for members of the Candler

The Atlanta Journal,
November 1925:
*A musical event of triple
importance will begin
Thursday night at 8:15 o'clock
when The Journal's relay
system gives the radio world
the program dedicating the
wonderful new Aeolian
pipe organ installed by
Asa G. Candler, Jr., at his
stately home, Briarcliff. The
instrument, one of the finest
examples of the organ craft
in the United States, will
be dedicated by Palmer
Christian, one of America's
most successful and brilliant
concert stars who was
brought from his present post
on the conservatory faculty of
the University of Michigan by
Mr. Candler especially for the
occasion...*

family. In November of 1925, the organ was dedicated in a private recital for the Candler family and friends by Palmer Christian, who was on faculty at the University of Michigan. This recital, although private, was broadcast live over WSB, the first radio station in the South.

The following three months saw Edwin Arthur Kraft, Firmin Swinnen, and Pietro Yon as recitalists. Although the Aeolian organ had an automatic player mechanism, the Candlers employed a private organist, Dr. Charles Sheldon Jr., who was also Atlanta's municipal organist. Many other world-renowned organists played the organ in the house before it was moved

to Wesleyan, including Marcel Dupre, Louis Vierne, Joseph Bonnet, Marco Enrico Bossi, and Alfred Hollins.

In April of 1935, *Time* magazine reported: "Asa Candler, Jr., reported to be in financial difficulties, put up his pipe organ for sale." Fortunately for Wesleyan, the organ was not sold at the time. But in 1949, the Candlers sold Briarcliff Manor to the federal government, who planned to use the site for a VA hospital, and the family needed to find a new home for the organ.

It was the Bishop of the Methodist Church in Georgia, Arthur J. Moore, who prompted

the Candlers' gift to Wesleyan College. In 1952, the College accepted the gift after much debate as to whether the money to dismantle, store, and reinstall the organ would be better put toward a new instrument. Asa Candler Jr. gave the organ in honor of his second wife, Florence Stephenson Candler, but died on January 11, 1952 before the organ was installed at Wesleyan.

It is very unusual that an organ originally fitted for a home would find a suitable second home in a 1200-seat auditorium. According to Aeolian organ expert Nelsen Barden, "The Candler instrument made a remarkably successful transition

March 22, 1935; The Atlanta Constitution:

MRS. ASA CANDLER'S ORGAN MUSIC RIVALS MELODIES OF SONGBIRDS. During these glorious spring days song birds find a rival in the melodious organ notes floating from the windows of stately Briarcliff Manor. It is the harmonious music expression of thought and feeling from the fingers of Mrs. Asa Candler, Jr., playing upon the magnificent organ, one of the largest privately owned in the United States. She spends several hours daily practicing upon the Aeolian. Under the instruction of Dr. Charles Sheldon for the last three years, Mrs. Candler has become well versed in the classical organ selections and literature.

1924 - 1925

Asa Candler Jr. hired the Aeolian Company to build Aeolian Opus 1542.

March 26, 1925

Aeolian Opus 1542 shipped to the Candlers' Briarcliff Manor in two box cars.

November 19, 1925

Organ was dedicated in a recital by Palmer Christian.

1925 - 1926

Edwin Arthur Kraft, Firmin Swinnen, and Pietro Yon performed at Briarcliff Manor. These recitals were broadcast live over WSB, the first radio station in the South.

1926 - 1935

Many world-renowned organists played the organ at Briarcliff Manor, including Marcel Dupre, Louis Vierne, Joseph Bonnet, Marco Enrico Bossi, Alfred Hollins, and others.

April, 1935

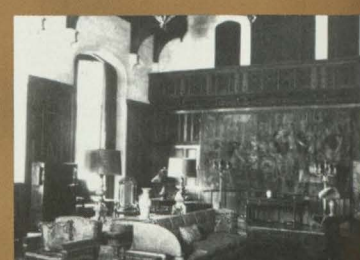
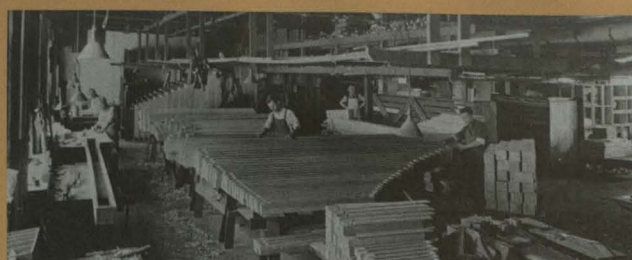
Asa Candler Jr. put the organ up for sale.

November, 1949

Asa Candler Jr. began a conversation with Wesleyan regarding donating the organ.

January, 1952

Asa Candler Jr. died.

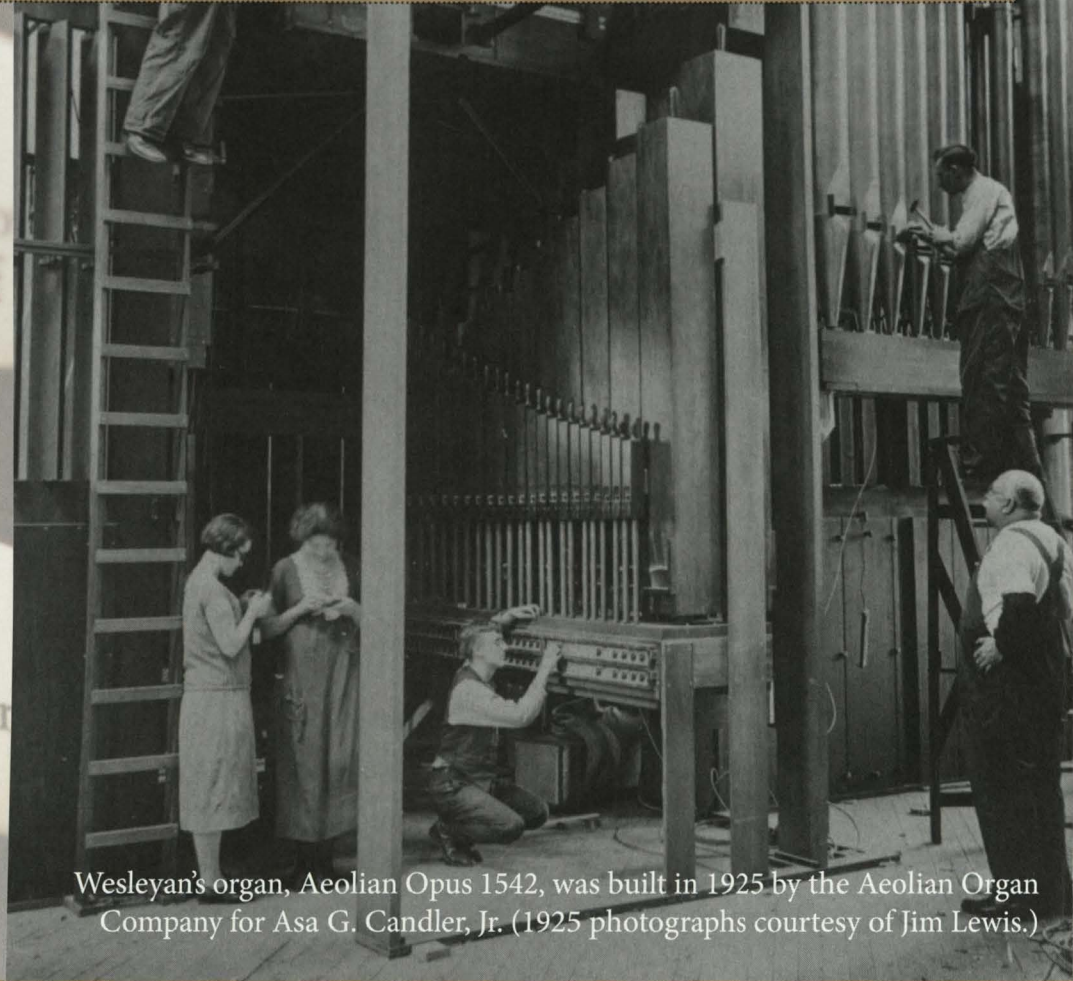


June 20, 1956 letter from Florence Candler to Dr. C.M. Fisher, Professor of Sacred Music at Wesleyan: *It is indeed wonderful that our cherished Aeolian Organ is soon to be installed in so beautiful a background. I am gratified that an instrument of such great quality can share in the tradition of Wesleyan College. Even more than all that, I am looking forward to the date that this organ can again shed forth its beauty, bringing joy and peace to all who hear its heavenly notes. Countless thousands yet to come will be grateful that Wesleyan College had the vision for providing such a privilege.*

from home to auditorium. This organ fills the room with a grand sound. Few residence instruments could meet such a challenge."

Virgil Fox, the most sought-after concert organist of the twentieth century, dedicated the organ at Wesleyan on October 10, 1958. He returned in 1961 to play the organ with newly installed accompaniment organ, which served as the echo organ in the Candler residence. As a frequent houseguest of the Candlers, Fox often played the organ during informal receptions at Briarcliff Manor.

In the late 1980s, the 1958 console began to fail. In 1989, a generous donation from Elsie Lowden Maxwell Hambricht '34 in memory of her grandmother Frances Pound Goodwyn, class of 1874, made it possible for the College to



Wesleyan's organ, Aeolian Opus 1542, was built in 1925 by the Aeolian Organ Company for Asa G. Candler, Jr. (1925 photographs courtesy of Jim Lewis.)

1953

Aeolian Opus 1542 was removed from Briarcliff Manor and placed in storage.

1958

Aeolian Opus 1542 was installed in Wesleyan's newly built auditorium.

October 10, 1958

Organ dedicated in a recital by Virgil Fox.

April, 1961

The installation of the echo organ was dedicated in a recital by Virgil Fox.

November, 1989

Robert Glasgow played recital to celebrate the work completed in memory of Mrs. Goodwyn, class of 1874.

September, 2006

Wesleyan signed contract with Schantz Organ Co. for the renovation of the organ.

September, 2007

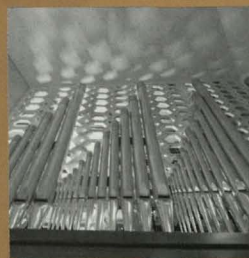
Organ removed from the Wesleyan auditorium.

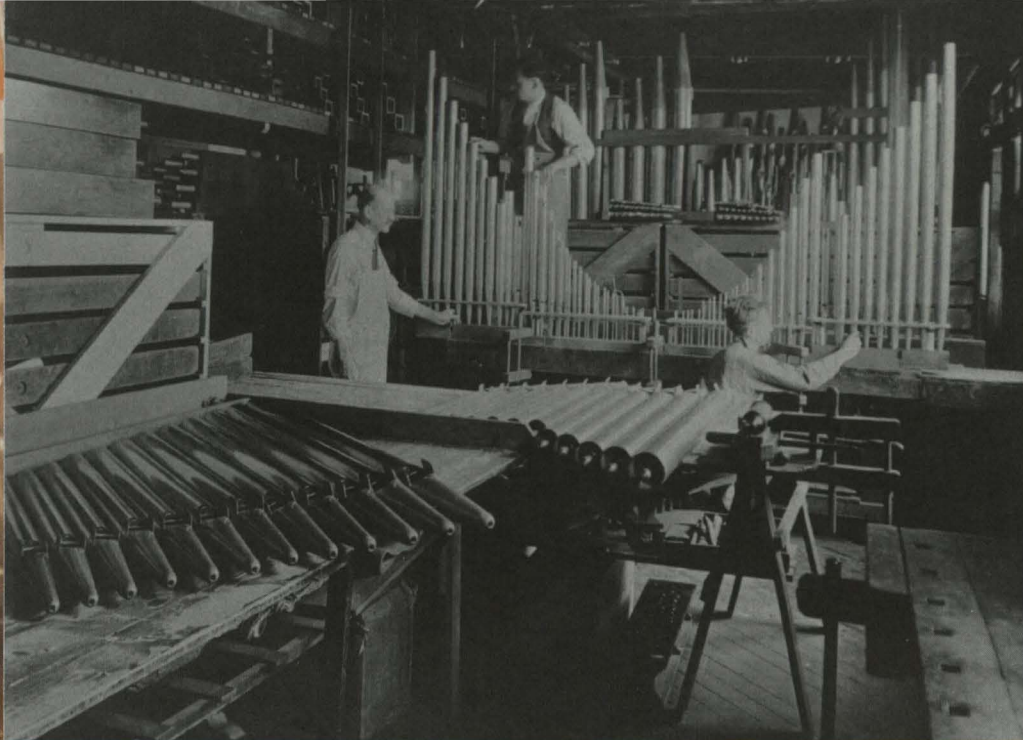
July 14, 2008

Renovated organ returned and reinstallation began.

October 2, 2008

Peter Richard Conte rededicated Aeolian Opus 1542 – the Goodwyn-Candler-Panoz organ.





The Aeolian Company

Today we associate pipe organs with churches and perhaps even concert halls, but certainly not with residences. However, pipe organs served as the home orchestra in the early twentieth century. The residence pipe organ was championed by the Aeolian Company, which installed nearly 1,000 of them.

Founded in 1878 in New York, the Aeolian Company by the 1920s was the largest and most successful musical instrument manufacturer in America. The name "Aeolian" comes from Aeolus, the ruler of the winds in Greek mythology. Aeolian excelled in creating self-playing instruments, including pipe organs. Music could only be heard in live performances before the advent of self-playing instruments. The Aeolian pipe organ factory was in Garwood, New Jersey, and it produced the most expensive organs in the world.

Most owners of residence pipe organs could not play, and they did not need to. Organ music, symphonic and operatic transcriptions, as well as popular songs were recorded onto perforated paper rolls that allowed the instruments to play automatically. Many famous organists including Marcel Dupre and Louis Vierne recorded rolls for the Aeolian Company. Many of the wealthy simply needed the organs for dinner music and soirées.

Aeolian organs were considered the premier symbol of musical opulence: "The Final Touch of Beauty for the Well Planned Home," claimed an Aeolian ad from the era. Aeolian organs were installed in the homes of DuPonts, Carnegies, Eastmans, Fords, Schwabs, and Rockefellers. Horace Dodge even had an Aeolian installed on his yacht.

Unfortunately, in 1932, because of the Great Depression along with the increasing popularity of the phonograph and radio, the Aeolian Company merged with its fiercest competitor, the Skinner Organ Company, to create the Aeolian-Skinner Company. Due to stipulations of the merger, the Aeolian-Skinner Company became simply the Skinner Company and the Aeolian Company practically vanished.

Having an Aeolian instrument today is rare. Home organs were difficult to maintain and succeeding generations usually had no need or interest in the instrument. In addition, many of the metal pipes in these unused home organs were used for scrap metal in WWII.

have significant work completed on the organ. At that time, the 1958 console was rebuilt and updated with more modern technology. Needed repairs were made to wind chests and some tonal voicing and regulating was done as well. Robert Glasgow, a fitting choice as a professor at the University of Michigan, played a program to celebrate this work to the organ in November of 1989.

The 1958 installation of the organ was not ideal; attempting to fit original organ windchests designed for a large single organ chamber into the auditorium's three separate chambers was difficult. The work completed in 2008 by the Schantz Organ Company allowed Wesleyan's organ to be perfectly tailored for our space. The pipes of the organ sit on new chests that allow the sound to enter directly into the room. Previously, much of the sound of the organ had been lost because of poor placement of the organ in the organ chamber. Now, the pipes from the chamber behind the stage have joined the rest of the organ in the two main chambers. The sound of Aeolian Opus 1542 fills the room as never before.

The American Guild of Organists has designated 2008-2009 as the International Year of the Organ. Churches and music organizations across the world offered special programs on or around Sunday, October 19, 2008 through the International Organ Spectacular. Wesleyan will play special tribute to the International Organ celebration through several events, including a Macon Symphony Orchestra Master Works event with Wesleyan Organist and Assistant Professor of Music Dr. Michael McGhee on October 18, 2008 in the Wesleyan College Auditorium. This event featured a performance of Guilman's Symphony for Organ and Orchestra, op. 42.

MICHAEL MCGHEE, Wesleyan College Assistant Professor of Music and College Organist; B.M. (Organ Performance) Shorter College 1999; M.M. (Organ Performance) University of Georgia 2001; D.M. (Organ Performance and Literature) Indiana University School of Music 2005.

We give special thanks to Michael McGhee for his contributions to this feature article. As Wesleyan's Organist, Dr. McGhee teaches courses in organ, harpsichord, music theory, music history and literature. He is an active performer and has won numerous organ competitions. In addition, he is an accomplished church musician and an active member of the American Guild of Organists.

5 Faces of 2008

Of the 2008 graduates who earned the Bachelor of Arts degree at Wesleyan, 16% earned double majors and 30% graduated with honors. Top majors for 2008 were: psychology (22%), business/economics (22%), biology (12%), and advertising & marketing communication (10%). More than 70% of the class immediately secured professional positions in their fields of study and/or had accepted positions in graduate programs prior to commencement. More than 30% of the graduating class will immediately begin master's or doctoral programs that represent a broad range of study including psychology, law, veterinary medicine, art history, finance, economics, and business administration.

Many Wesleyan graduates enter the workforce with unique qualifications and have combined major and minor programs

in ways that separate them from other job-seeking candidates. Some double major combinations of 2008 graduates include: psychology with Spanish, philosophy with political science, biology with business administration, music with education, and business with economics.

Through its undergraduate and graduate education programs, Wesleyan produced 25 exemplary teachers for Georgia. But overall, more 2008 Wesleyan graduates will pursue business-related professions than any other field. They are well prepared with degrees and majors in business administration, economics, international relations, and advertising & marketing communication. Wesleyan students taking the economics ETS national field exam in 2008 ranked in the 95th percentile nationally (the highest ranking) in overall performance. Wesleyan

advanced 100% of its 2008 economics majors to competitive graduate programs including Carnegie Mellon, University of Texas Austin, Vanderbilt University, Johns Hopkins University, and Ohio State University. Several of these economics students were awarded prestigious scholarships. Wesleyan's economics program placed all of its students in fully funded seminars or paid internships for the summer, and one fellowship finalist position for graduate studies.

Despite the major field of interest, Wesleyan's rigorous academic program combined with a foundation of faith and service produces graduates unified through engaged leadership and a commitment to pursue more purposeful lives. [Meet the Five Faces of 2008....](#)



Yi "Connie" Kang

Double major: mathematics & economics

Double minor: finance & computer science

Connie Kang, from Hefei, China, admits that the words "women's college" have a slight aristocratic overtone in China. The first women's schools in China were set up by missionaries and attended only by the upper class. So when Connie's mother saw a documentary on the Soong sisters, the first Chinese women to be educated in America, she encouraged Connie to apply to their alma mater, Wesleyan College.

Four years and a long list of scholarships and awards later, this graduate is continuing on a path toward accomplishing her life goal of doing useful things. Wesleyan awarded Connie the highly-coveted Munroe Scholarship, which also provided a research stipend in mathematics and science. She was a President's Scholar at Wesleyan in 2004 and 2005 and made Dean's List in 2007. Also, she was an American Economic Association Summer Program Scholar, an honor that provided her with a pre-graduate, master's level study and research opportunity at Duke University. The research she presented during celebrating student scholarship day, entitled *Give Me Liberty or Give Me Pork*, revealed her trademark dry wit. In addition to two majors and two minors, she nearly satisfied academic requirements for additional minors in art and music.

Traveling abroad for college is quite an undertaking. Through the experience, Connie feels that she changed from being a kid into being a woman. She travels home to Hefei once a year. "I can't stand not going home," she said. "At first I'd go home during the summer, but now I go during the winter so I can spend summers doing internships."

Both of Connie's parents are university professors in China. Her father teaches business management and her mother, from whom Connie learned the English language at age six, teaches general education classes. Connie hopes to get into academia one day, too. But also, she is interested in working for an international organization or the Federal Reserve. "For personal growth and development," said Connie, "I'd like to stay in America because that's where most of the world's top economists live." She would like to find a sub field that would allow travel to different countries, and intends to concentrate much of her energy toward studying China. "I have an advantage, and so a duty, to know more about my country and its problems," she said.

This fall, Connie began a five-year graduate school program at Johns Hopkins University leading to a master's degree and then a doctorate in economics. Connie said she chose Johns Hopkins because of its strong finance and economics program, ties to international organizations, and close proximity to Washington, DC. "Johns Hopkins has a small economics department and I'll get more contact with the faculty than at the average university. I think it will approximate my Wesleyan experience," she said. Connie recognizes the importance of having dedicated and approachable professors. In fact, she said that is worth more than anything. "In high school, you're kind of fed knowledge. In college, you have to be more responsible for your education. You have to take initiative."



Hillary Jarrett

Major: biology

One of the biggest dreams of Hillary Jarrett's young life recently came true. As a result of hard work and not lucky breaks, Hillary was accepted to Auburn University's College of Veterinary Medicine and began living her dream this fall.

This biology major is the third woman in her family to graduate from Wesleyan. It was that tradition, and strong persuasion from her father, that brought a reluctant Hillary to campus four years ago. "I was determined to go to a big university," she said, "but my dad was convinced that I'd love it here." Coming from a small, private, all-girls prep school in Louisville, Kentucky, Hillary was looking for a new experience and she was absolutely sure she wouldn't find it at Wesleyan.

Then, Wesleyan awarded Hillary the prestigious Munroe Scholarship. She also was astonished to learn of Wesleyan's exemplary graduate

school admittance rate. Suddenly, she found herself more interested in Wesleyan. "Still, I wasn't totally convinced," she said. "Then, I attended orientation and made some friends. When I told my dad that maybe Wesleyan was a good fit, he just smiled."

True to her nature, Hillary became immediately involved with campus activities. She served as first year class president and a council member of LINKS. She joined the soccer team, and was a member of the Marvelous Makeover Committee. "I threw myself so fully into life at Wesleyan and found such a deep love for it," she said, "that I was completely enthralled. I never looked back and came to cherish the college that brought me life-long friends and the opportunity to fulfill my dream."

Hillary is not sure what she will do with a graduate degree in veterinary medicine. She is interested in the many opportunities involving research, but also thinks she may enjoy a private clinic specializing



Anna Kaye Burgher

Double major: advertising/marketing communication & communication

Anna Kaye Burgher never wanted to go to a big college. Right from the start she was attracted to Wesleyan's small campus and 10-to-1 student to faculty ratio. "I'm spoiled," she said. "I wanted one-on-one attention. I wanted my professors to know me by name and to care about my growth and development. Wesleyan has been my home away from home."

Technically, "home" for Anna Kaye is Kingston, Jamaica, though she moved to New York at the age of fifteen and now travels back and forth between the two cities. When she was twelve, she joined a professional dance performance arts group specializing in ballet, jazz, African, Hip Hop and other modern dances. She traveled with the group to Trinidad, Costa Rica, St. Lucia, and California. After graduating from Wesleyan, Anna Kaye moved back to New York where she plans to attend law school and pursue a career in entertainment law. "I want to establish my own entertainment law firm, a public relations/marketing/event planning company, a self-esteem magazine for young minority females, and a performing arts group for inner city youth," she said.

At Wesleyan, Anna Kaye won the Stella B. Hill Scholarship and the Libba R. Herbert Scholarship, and was named to the 2007-2008 Who's Who Among American College Students list. Although of her many accomplishments, she is most proud of winning the 2008 STUNT Cup and STUNT Spirit Cup, being chosen to speak to scholarship donors at the 2008 Scholarship Luncheon, and completing college with a double major in just three and a half years.

Anna Kaye describes herself as a go-getter. According to Assistant Professor of Communication Deidra Donmoyer, "There is an inner light that shines through Anna Kaye. It gives her keen insight and a friendly glow. She is not only approachable, genuine, and warm but also a dedicated and perceptive student...she's someone who knows how to bring together different issues of theory and apply them to practical situations."

Sharing the attitude of so many Wesleyannes, Anna Kaye credits the faculty with helping her become the strong woman she is today. She claimed that her years on a campus surrounded by intelligent, motivated women allowed her to adopt the belief that she can achieve anything without the fear of failure. This bond between students and faculty helped make her Wesleyan experience fun, challenging, and memorable. "I would recommend Wesleyan to any student who is ready to be a part of a family atmosphere," she said, "where sisterhood is the primary ingredient. On the Wesleyan campus, students are challenged intellectually by professors, but also greatly rewarded and praised for accomplishments — no matter how large or small."

in small animals. "As cheesy as it sounds," she said, "I want to make a difference. It could be to one person or one animal, but I know that's my purpose in this life." Well, that and having a big family. She thinks four or five children sounds about right.

Wesleyan Professor of Biology Dr. Wanda Schroeder has known Hillary for four years and claimed she "is highly motivated and is the epitome of a Munroe Scholar. She is successful at whatever she sets her mind on accomplishing."

Hillary benefited from one of the greatest strengths of the Wesleyan academic program, accessible faculty. She took advantage of the opportunities to research alongside experienced faculty members and present research findings at conferences... experiences most students don't enjoy until graduate school. Wise beyond her years, Hillary said, "I've pursued excellence in all areas of my life — academics, sports, and even friendships. I truly love my alma mater. I hope to become an example of what a Wesleyan woman can accomplish."





Well-read

Chelcey Berryhill

Double major: art history & studio art

Chelcey Berryhill has big plans: travel the world, amass an amazing collection of art, purchase a gallery and fill it with art produced by her fellow artists, succeed as a professional painter, and wardrobe herself in Chanel couture. Chelcey is well on her way to reaching those goals. In June she moved to Manhattan and began graduate study at Sotheby's Institute of Art in the American Fine and Decorative Arts master's program. "I want to work in a museum as a curator, or at the auction house, or even as a conservator," she said. "I enjoy working with art so much that I want to surround myself with art and with people who feel the same way I do."

Chelcey graduated in 2003 from Houston County High School in Warner Robins, Georgia. She started her college career at the Savannah College of Art and Design, but soon transferred. She decided to visit the Wesleyan campus on a whim. During a campus visit, Wesleyan Professors of Art Dr. Libby Bailey and Frances de La Rosa "were so inspiring and helpful. They made me feel wanted and welcome," Chelcey said. "After that meeting, I knew I wanted to be at Wesleyan."

Chelcey earned a spot on the Dean's List all four years, and feels that through her Wesleyan experience she "gained a sense of her own worth." She has been encouraged to step out of her comfort zone to learn more about herself. Of the smaller academic environment she said, "Once I started at Wesleyan, my confidence and self-esteem increased so much. I am surrounded by positive people who advocate for independent, successful, strong, professional women."

While completing her degree, she gained valuable professional experience through employment at the historic Hay House in Macon where she curated an exhibition on nineteenth and twentieth century weddings. That exhibition opened when she was also preparing a senior art history thesis and finishing several large-scale paintings for an exhibition in Wesleyan's main gallery.

Chelcey studied art in Cortona, Italy, during the summer of 2006. During the summer of 2007, she interned with the International Fine Arts Conservation Studio restoring the exterior decorative faux finish on the 1918 mansion El Jardin. She pursued the opportunity through her

work with The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation and hoped it would further prepare her for a graduate program in art conservation. She was also selected to catalogue an extensive art collection of Richard and Marge Lowrance that will eventually be donated to Wesleyan. In 2006 she won the William P. Simmons art scholarship. In her spare time, Chelcey enjoys reading biographies about people who have lived incredible lives.

Like all Wesleyan women, Chelcey is developing into an incredible success story. Many of Wesleyan's graduates pursue graduate studies in their fields. Smart women like Chelcey, start here and go on to great accomplishments. "I never doubted getting into an excellent graduate program," she said. "Wesleyan prepared me well and I am gaining the knowledge and skills I need to excel in my field. The small seminar-style classes at Wesleyan are extremely beneficial because they offer a learning environment where students have an opportunity to be heard and to build close relationships with professors. I worked so closely with my professors. I have become a well-rounded student ready to approach any situation with an open heart and mind."

Gina Marie Cody

Double major: psychology & Spanish

Gina Marie Cody has the kind of personality that invites you in and makes you feel like you've known her your entire life. There is no fear of failure in her *carpe diem* approach to life, and she is quick to credit her four years on the Wesleyan campus for that attitude. "Being in an environment full of fearless women showing no hesitancy in their attempts to gain knowledge and experience in life has truly been contagious," she said.

But don't let Gina Marie's slightly wacky and somewhat carefree attitude fool you. This double-major grad from Augusta, Georgia, made the Dean's List and received the HOPE Scholarship all four years at Wesleyan. She earned the Henry Kaplan and Freda Nadler Endowment Scholarship for Achievement in Foreign Language, was recognized with the Modern Language Honors Award, and was selected to participate in educational travels to Guatemala and Portland, Oregon. She also served as class president two consecutive years. "I am extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to

participate in so many great activities at Wesleyan," she said. "But my greatest accomplishment is winning the 2008 STUNT Cup and STUNT Spirit Cup with my fellow Green Knights!"

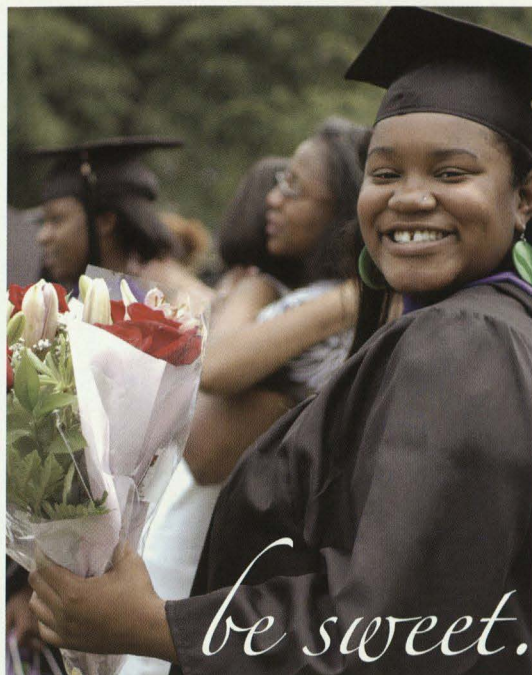
According to Gina Marie, Wesleyan morphed her from a gifted slacker into a motivated overachiever. This new outlook, along with the selfless assistance of faculty and staff, helped her gain acceptance into the organizational leadership master's program at Vanderbilt University. Although she hasn't made a final decision whether to continue her education immediately or join the workforce, her ultimate goal is a career in the education or business sector as an organizational specialist, helping organizations increase their overall performance. "I think my outgoing personality will help me in my career because it will be important for me to network, meet new people, and leave a memorable impression," she said.

Gina Marie visited the Wesleyan campus on Scholarship Day when she was a senior in high school. She was attracted to the small-sized classes, spacious residence hall rooms, the food, and the scholarships. "And," she said, "it was most impressive when the admission staff presented my mom with a gift for her birthday, which was the same day as the prospective student event." That act of kindness and consideration sealed the deal for Gina Marie, who said that throughout her four years at Wesleyan, the students, faculty, and staff never ceased to show that same sense of compassion.

Gina Marie is thankful to have received a well-rounded education in the presence of sincere sisterhood. An all female enrollment and liberal arts education "shaped me into the fearless woman that I have become," she said. "I would definitely encourage any woman to consider Wesleyan. I believe some might underestimate the college because of its small size, but the opportunities on Wesleyan's campus are innumerable."



Wacky



NOVELIST CASSANDRA KING DELIVERED HUMOR AND WISDOM TO THE CLASS OF 2008

Wesleyan's Class of 2008 anxiously awaited the call to action and inspiration of award-winning author Cassandra King at the commencement ceremony held in May. Sweetened with her distinctive Southern humor, King imparted her wisdom whether they were ready to receive it or not. "It is a great honor for me to be sharing this joyous occasion with you, and I mean that sincerely. Which leads me to the first pearl of wisdom I bring you today: Sincerity is a very important virtue, and once you learn to fake it, you are well on your way to success."

Daring the graduates to laugh at themselves and to recognize the humor in each other was another pearl of wisdom. Amidst the laughter, King offered five essential lessons. Be sweet. Be grateful. Be crazy. Be strong. Above all, be open to receive love and the lessons of your life. According to King, valuable lessons and meaningful human connections surround us, always. When we are ready to receive those lessons, we are forever changed. "We have to be ready for it, open to it. When the pupil is ready, the teacher arrives."

Cassandra King is the best-selling author of four novels, *The Sunday Wife*, *Making Waves*, *The Same Sweet Girls*, and *Queen of Broken Hearts*, as well as numerous short stories and articles. Among other accolades, *The Sunday Wife* was a Book Sense Pick and a *People* magazine Page Turner of the Week; *The Same Sweet Girls* was the national number one Book Sense selection of February 2005; and *Queen of Broken Hearts* was chosen for the Literary Guild and Book-of-the-Month Club.

Cassandra King is a native of Alabama, where she formerly taught English and creative writing classes. She earned a bachelor's degree in 1967, and then later resumed study and earned a



master's degree in 1988. King began her career as a published author late in life and produced four best selling novels in a period of five years, from 2002 to 2007. She currently resides in South Carolina with her husband Pat Conroy, also a best-selling novelist. She has begun work on a fifth novel, tentatively titled *Bridal Falls*.

King is widely regarded for her distinctive Southern voice and strong heroines who often struggle with very real issues. Despite the hilarious small town melodrama, King's messages are timeless and universal because she writes from an authentic voice that celebrates human connections. "Her novels are fueled by the power of women's friendships," said Wesleyan President Ruth Knox, "something the students at Wesleyan understand well."

The Same Sweet Girls chronicles six women, now in their 40s, who've known one another since college and still get together twice a year. The characters draw strength from the history they share. Sweetened with humor, readers connect with a sharp vision of Southern culture and serious social commentary. The characters seem authentic because they are based on real experiences and life lessons.

In King's novels, some readers are introduced to Southern icons like Coca Cola, Bisquick, and sweat tea; terms of endearment like Sugg and Momma; and entrenched traditions of high school football, beauty shop gossip, and Sunday church service. Lovers of Southern literature recognize the authenticity of King's characters — Miss Maudie, Baby Sister, Big Momma. As women, we celebrate the archetypes represented by these strong and courageous characters. To recast your role, reinvent yourself, and grab the gumption to move against the grain of social norm, these are possible in King's novels.

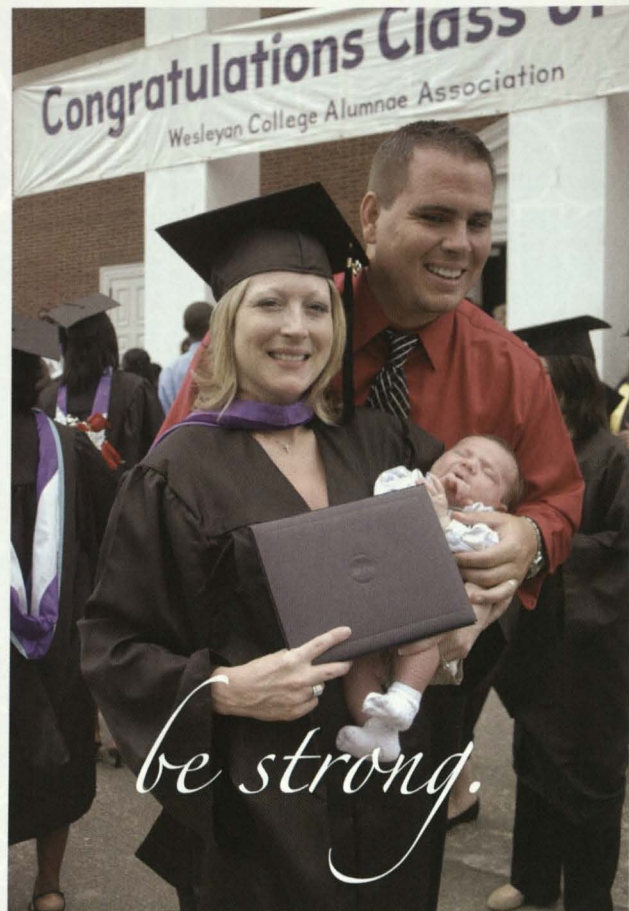


*Be sweet. Be grateful. Be crazy.
Be strong. Above all, be open to
receive love and the lessons of your life.*

These triumphs are possible in real life, also. King is testament to that herself. She draws inspiration from her own well-lived life, from humble beginnings growing up on a peanut farm in Alabama and escape to college to the struggles of marriage and tensions of rigid Southern social norms and expectations. She imports her own journey of finding an authentic voice and purpose driven life.

Cassandra King is an avid reader and a people watcher. She claims to have "worshiped at the feet of Jane Austen, long, long before Hollywood discovered her, and has listed *Pride and Prejudice* as one of her favorite books on every questionnaire she's ever filled out." She is inspired by Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott & Zelda Fitzgerald, Ezra Pound, Gertrude Stein, Maya Angelou, Charlotte Brontë, Harper Lee, Anne Morrow Lindbergh and other literary greats. She's enamored with the 1920s Jazz Age, but writes to the backdrop of bluegrass music.

While she claims to have gotten a late start on her career as a published author, clearly the years preceding her first novel were well spent on research. In addition to her call to action, the Class of 2008 heard the message of Cassandra King's life and work. As she said in an interview: "It took me much, much longer than it should have. All my life I was a closet writer. It's all I wanted to do — and all I did, whenever I could slip off from my life and do so, but I lacked both confidence and courage, two necessary ingredients for success. I'm ashamed to say that I wouldn't stand up for myself, allow myself time to write or seek publication. It was only when I was in my 40s, went to graduate school, and was encouraged to share my work that I gained any kind of confidence. My master's thesis became my first novel, and I've been going full guns ever since. In order to thrive as a writer, or any kind of artist, you must be in a supportive environment...Never, ever be afraid to follow your dream. If writing is your passion, it won't let go of you. Whatever you do, don't let go of it!"



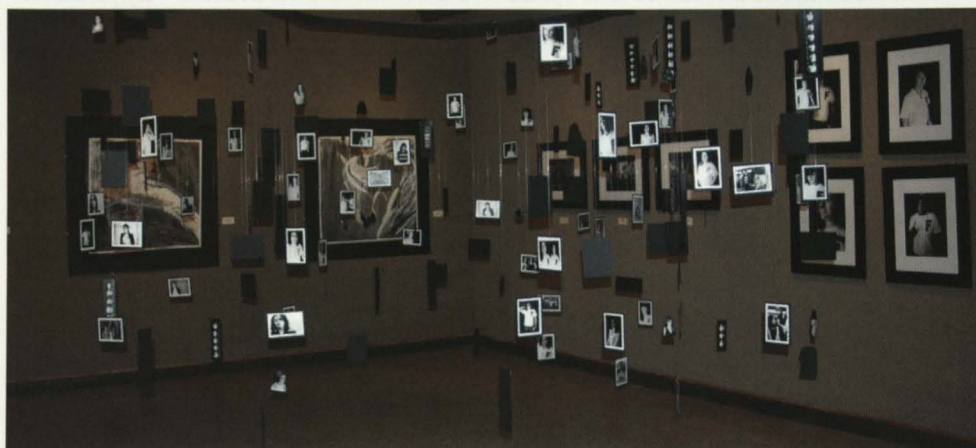
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DEFENDER, STAGE MANAGER,
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MURALIST, JEWELRY MAKER, PAINTER,
SCULPTOR, GRAPHIC DESIGNER,
ART DIRECTOR, BROADWAY
STAR, DVA, PROPS MANAGER,
ACTOR, SINGER, PIANIST, AWARD
WINNING PLAYWRIGHT, FILM
PRODUCER, TECHNICAL DIRECTOR,
SOUND MANAGER, PROFESSOR
OF SOUND DESIGN, GALLERY
OWNER, PRODUCTION MANAGER,
LASER SHOW DESIGNER, FAUX
FINISHER, CHILDREN'S BOOK
ILLUSTRATOR, MARKETING EXECUTIVE.

WESLEYAN WOMEN IN FINE ARTS:

Wesleyan women in the fine arts are debunking the myth of the starving artist. A liberal arts background equips Wesleyan women with a unique perspective that makes them highly competitive for many professional opportunities, and quite successful at whatever they choose to do. Wesleyan fine arts majors are consistently accepted into excellent graduate programs and have gone on to fulfilling careers practicing and teaching the arts. You'll find Wesleyan women excelling in the fields of art, music, and theatre.

Many Wesleyan women combine a passion for the arts with other professional disciplines to achieve great success. Raquel Farrell-Kirk '96 works as an ART THERAPIST to special education students in the Miami-Dade County Public School District. At Wesleyan, she was an art history and psychology major who later earned a master's degree in art therapy. Sharon Harp Campbell '65 is an ARTIST CURATOR and ART RESEARCHER in Greenville, South Carolina, and Nancy Haller '57 recently retired from The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York where she was a TEXTILE CONSERVATOR. Attorney Catherine Tucker '05 uses her Wesleyan minor in theater to develop an immediate presence and presentational style in the Tampa, Florida, courtrooms where she is an Assistant Public Defender. She continues to remain involved in theater, performing in two productions last year and stage-managing another.

Nationally, about 63 percent of artists working in the fine arts are self-employed, like Jeanne Luke Longerbeam '80, who owns an ENTERTAINMENT COMPANY AND TALENT AGENCY in Cumming, Georgia; and Tina Farkas Williams '74, who FOUNDED YOUNG ACTORS THEATRE AND SCHOOL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, a non-profit youth theater in Tallahassee, Florida — the fourth largest youth theater in the nation. In 1999, Louise Barfield founded Little Carnegie of the South in Macon. This non-profit business hosts concerts and art exhibits, holds camps for people of all ages, and provides performing opportunities for advanced pianists. Louise's early musical training began at the age of six when she entered the Wesleyan College Conservatory of Music. Years later she was awarded a full scholarship for study at The Juilliard School in New York, where she earned a master's of music degree, then spent many years



traveling, performing and teaching abroad and in the United States.

With a rich heritage of excellence in the fine arts, Wesleyan produces graduates who have a great understanding of the important role arts education plays in our collective future. You'll find Wesleyan music scholars teaching in schools and churches across the country, like Jana Witham Janeway '68, who TEACHES MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC in Wilton, Connecticut; Debba Davis Ulrich '77, who DIRECTS CHOIR at Marietta Middle School in Atlanta; Abbyjane Walker Eller '82, who is a music and choral teacher at Midway Covenant Christian School in Kennesaw, Georgia; and Loisanne Tatum Robins '79, whose Englewood High School choir represented Florida at the Presidential Inauguration in 2005.

The internationally acclaimed Syracuse Children's Choir has performed from Carnegie Hall to China, serving as Central New York's musical ambassador to the world. Wesleyan graduate Dr. Barbara Marble Tagg '69 is FOUNDER AND ARTISTIC DIRECTOR of the group. She is also an INSTRUCTOR at Syracuse University where she conducts the 70-voice Women's Choir and is a member of the choral music education faculty. In demand internationally, Barbara has presented concerts and workshops in England, Europe, Canada, Hong Kong, and China, as well as for universities and choral organizations throughout the United States.

Christine Harness Thompson '03 majored in music performance and minored in psychology. Today she is teaching children aged three through six at a Montessori school in Alpharetta, Georgia. She also TEACHES MUSIC to the same age group. Christine said, "It was my graduate studies

that gave me the knowledge, but it was my Wesleyan education that gave me the confidence, the character, and the courage I need in my career."

Sharon Dew Andrews '79 majored in music with an emphasis in piano performance. After graduating from Wesleyan, she moved to Dallas, Texas, and received her master's degree in piano pedagogy from Southern Methodist University and then went on to TEACH PIANO for more than twenty years. But in 1987, she completed a master's degree in elementary education from the University of Arkansas in Little Rock. She began working at a local math and science magnet school and teaching science became her new passion. In 2008, Sharon was named the South Dakota Teacher of the Year.

Patricia Harper White '56 TEACHES VOICE AND PIANO in her home in Alpharetta, Georgia. She was DIRECTOR OF MUSIC in three churches for sixteen years, and sang for many years with the Atlanta Symphony Chorus under Robert Shaw. Caroline Thomas '81, an INTERNATIONAL OPERA SINGER, studied at The Juilliard School of Music in New York after graduating from Wesleyan. She has spent more than a decade in Europe performing lead roles with icons like Placido Domingo.

Following in their footsteps is Music and Studio Art Major Chenny Gan '02, who recently earned a doctor of musical arts degree. Chenny's third CD, *Mirrors*, has just been released. She taught and performed in China as a VISITING LECTURER, and spent the summer of 2008 performing in Germany. While there, she completed a mural in a castle that was once Mozart's childhood summer vacation home.

Dona D. Vaughn '66 earned a degree in music and theatre at Wesleyan and has served as PORTopera's (Portland Opera Repertory Theatre in Portland, Maine) ARTISTIC DIRECTOR for several years. She is also the artistic director for New York's Manhattan School of Music Opera Program. She studied under Lee Strasberg and began her career as a performer in the original Broadway production of *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

On another chart, Suzanne Spooner-Faulk '97 PITCHES SONGS to record label executives and music producers for country artists in Nashville and often works with legendary songwriter Bob DiPiero. Back in the 60s, Barbara Barnes Sims '56 worked in promotion and publicity for Sun Records in Memphis, and wrote album lines and notes for the first albums by Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins, and Jerry Lee Lewis. In 2006 she taught a course in "Sun Records and Early

Bibb County. In 2004 she received a Cultural Award from Macon Arts for her outstanding contributions to the artistic and cultural life in the Middle Georgia area. Pilar is the ARTISTIC DIRECTOR of Hayiya Dance Theater Movement Institute and Center for Cultural Arts. She has been teaching West African Dance since she opened her studio in 2001. Her professional adult dance troupe, Harambee African Tribal Sounds Unlimited, and her children's Hayiya Dance Theater perform all over the country. For four years she was adjunct professor teaching dance in the African studies department at Ft. Valley State University.

Transitioning fine arts to law school, English, or financial services is standard business with a liberal arts degree. Katie Taylor '02 was an active theatre minor while at Wesleyan and completed an MFA in acting at Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. But after trying a career in acting, she enrolled

school. In 2004, she opened the Academy of the Performing Arts, Macon's first theater and instrumental music school.

Above all, Wesleyan women love the spotlight. Sandra Deer '62 is an internationally acclaimed, award-winning PLAYWRIGHT AND DIRECTOR at Alliance Theater in Atlanta, the leading professional resident theatre in the Southeast. Recently, she received the 2007 Regional Theatre Tony Award®. And three thousand miles away, Liz (Mollie) Hughes '02 earned a master's degree in FILM PRODUCTION at Chapman University in Orange County, California, where she is working in film.

Many alumnae are earning fame as PROFESSIONAL ACTORS, like Page Clements '84, who is a member of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts and also co-founded Highwire Productions in New York City, and Heather Hughes

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Rock and Roll" at the Chautauqua Institution in New York.

THEATRE is a collaborative art form expressing and critiquing the thoughts, dreams, and culture of a society. Through the study of theatre in a liberal arts context, students learn to examine themselves and the world as they develop their creative abilities. Ashley Hare '07 majored in theatre and graduated with the goal of working with youth at risk. In the summer of 2009, Ashley plans to be working with the Peace Corps in Sub-Saharan Africa in a YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. Theatre has taken Marge Guiberteau '00 around the world, as well. Since graduation, she's toured the United States, Southeast Asia, and Australia as HEAD OF THE PROPS DEPARTMENT of Disney on Ice. She has also worked with Cirque du Soleil, and in November will begin working with the Great American Circus.

2008 Miller Middle School Teacher of the Year Pilar Wilder '01 is the FINE ARTS DIRECTOR at Miller Middle School, where she leads the only traveling dance troupe in

in law school. Meanwhile, Shanna Malcolm Allen '04 turned down seventeen law school acceptances to pursue an ACTING CAREER. She just began graduate study in acting at the prestigious Cal Arts in Los Angeles.

Tamara Francis '05 combined an English major with a theater minor while at Wesleyan. She considers the combination to be a strong foundation for a wide variety of careers; and most importantly, she credits Wesleyan for providing her with an education that stressed individual responsibility and teamwork. Both late night play rehearsals and work at the Writing Center prepared her for graduate school at Florida State University, where she earned a master's degree in rhetoric and English composition. Now, Tamara is working in financial support services with Florida's Division of Emergency Management.

Young alums find inspiration in the accomplishments of Wesleyan women like Sylvia Shirah Haynie '80, who established herself as an exemplary DRAMA TEACHER at Macon's Stratford Academy before fulfilling her dream of establishing a fine arts

'05, who finished her course work at American Musical Drama Academy in 2007 and recently performed in a showcase of industry professionals in Manhattan. Other Wesleyan women excel as theatre professionals back stage like Sarah Chandler '02, who graduated from Virginia Tech with a master's degree in STAGE MANAGEMENT. Her advice to women interested in theater is "learn as much as you can about every aspect of theatre. Even if you are going into DIRECTION or DESIGN, know as much as you can about ACTING, STAGE MANAGING, TECHNICAL DIRECTION, DESIGN, ARTISTIC DIRECTION, AUDIO, PUBLIC RELATIONS...trust me!"

Wesleyan graduate EunJin Cho '02 concurs. She is ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF SOUND DESIGN at Louisiana State University and teaches introduction to theater design, sound technology, and sound lab. Cho is also associate head of the MFA Technology and Design Program, and a faculty member of the women's and gender studies program at LSU. "Wesleyan is the place where I realized my passion for theater," she said. "Wesleyan offered such a great support

system for me to grow as a woman and as a human being." Cho is planning to return to campus and conduct a workshop soon.

Danielle Sawtell '06 is PRODUCTION MANAGER at Excitement Technologies in Dallas, Texas. She has built and DESIGNED LASER SHOWS for Christina Aguilera, Roger Waters, Hannah Montana, (the artist formerly known as) Prince, and others. This fall she will not only help build a laser show for Black Sabbath but also tour with the group. She'll also help build special effects for the touring show of *Shrek: The Broadway Musical*.

Complementing the successes of Wesleyan women in the fields of music and theatre are the extraordinarily creative alumnae working in the fields of visual art. They are art historians serving as GALLERY OPERATORS, MUSEUM CURATORS, ART THERAPISTS, AND EDUCATORS. They

and enriched the Macon community immeasurably. She also served as Chair of the Wesleyan Music Department and has PRODUCED MUSICALS, DIRECTED CHORUSES, and TAUGHT GENERAL MUSIC CLASSES. She is also a founder and director of the Galloway School for the Arts in Atlanta, where she has worked with students from preschool through adulthood in a variety of artistic disciplines.

Dot Ogden Brown '67 works as the coordinator of the Bibb County Institute for the Arts and The Arts Education Task Force in Macon. She is also the site coordinator for Lesley University's masters and doctorate degree programs for arts integration. Despite a busy work schedule, Dot still finds time to TEACH, PAINT, and EXHIBIT her work. Recently she curated a major two-gallery exhibit for Wesleyan showcasing the Ogden Campbell Collection of Contemporary Art. Included

first book published by the newly formed Wesleyan College Press (read about that on page 25).

ILLUSTRATOR Lindy Blasingame Burnett '76 has enjoyed great success illustrating children's books. She teaches at the Portfolio Center in Atlanta where students learn about DESIGN, ADVERTISING, PHOTOGRAPHY, ILLUSTRATION, and MEDIA ARCHITECTURE. Lindy is versed in the business side of illustration having worked with agents, publishing houses and corporations, as well as on advertising campaigns for Kellogg and Coca Cola.

Darlene Rutland Murphy '05 was a non-traditional student who graduated with a double major in advertising & marketing communication and studio art. Today, she is a WORKING ARTIST and exhibits regularly at the Middle Georgia Art Association's ArtZone Gallery. Shirley E. Adams '56 uses

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Arrin Freeman '02 draws her inspiration from children. She served as the ART DIRECTOR at the Georgia Children's Museum in Macon, Georgia, and has already AUTHORED, ILLUSTRATED, AND PUBLISHED A CHILDREN'S BOOK. Heatherly Darnell '01 is putting her BFA in studio art to use by serving as the new Macon Arts Gallery Manager. For years, Shantras Lakes '90 worked as the Director of Family and Community Programs at the High Museum of Art in Atlanta. Today, Shantras works as a Program Officer at Fulton County Arts Council.

Many Wesleyan women TEACH FINE ARTS or use the arts to reach their students, like Carrie Ann Parks-Kirby '76, who is a professor of art and design at Alma College. Jeanette Loflin Shackelford '61 became the founding Executive Director of MidSummer Macon in 1988. The program has served thousands

in the exhibit were the paintings, drawings, and documents of her aunt, alumna Helena Ogden Campbell, plus a wide selection of the traditional early twentieth-century American representational artwork Helena collected and donated to the College.

Many Wesleyan graduates have become wildly successful and well-regarded in graphic design, like Nanci Williams '66, who began work as a GRAPHIC DESIGNER for CNN; Jenni Buckley Harris '99, who works for Sam's Club Corporation; and Jen Shermer Pack '95, a former AD AGENCY ART DIRECTOR, who is now self-employed as a freelance designer. Jen majored in studio art and minored in history. Today, she is OWNER, ART DIRECTOR, and DESIGNER of Black Cat Studios. Her work has won several ADDY awards and been published in *Graphic Design: USA*. Jen credits Wesleyan's internship program with playing a large role in her professional success. "Wesleyan's internship program enabled me to learn graphic design from the inside," she said. "I was able to see what the job entails and work in a professional setting." This year, Jennifer designed the

her liberal arts degree to run Papillon International Enterprises, a commercial art business located in Atlanta.

Other women artists are making an impact through SCULPTURE, like Mildred Woodward Cotton '43, Jane Duskin Norman '70, Christine Smith '69, and Joan Finney Hatcher '88. Many working artists find ways to combine artistic talents with business savvy and capitalize on specialized services. Elizabeth Hodges McKeever '96 of Charleston, South Carolina, for example, TEACHES ART at the Gibbes Museum Studio and co-owns Luna Design Studio, a COMMERCIAL PAINTING BUSINESS specializing in SMALL MURALS and FAUX FINISHES. Elizabeth even tutored actress Rachel McAdams in painting for her role in the movie *The Notebook*. "I was a studio art major with a minor in philosophy," she said, "but the scope of my learning was unlimited. Leadership and perseverance were encouraged during my years at Wesleyan and these qualities are essential to me now as an independent business woman."



Wesleyan's Last Supper Restored to its original glory

ADOPT A PAINTING

Many art appreciators learn about specific painting restoration needs through Wesleyan's website; a special section on Adopt-a-Painting gets lots of traffic. Dozens of paintings (some awaiting adoption and some successfully adopted & restored) are pictured and catalogued as needing evaluation, needing restoration, urgent need, currently under restoration, or restored. Adoption prices are listed for paintings awaiting adoption.

Donors who fall in love with a specific painting can make a tax deductible donation in the form of a check payable to Wesleyan College and designated for Art Restoration or Adopt-A-Painting. Gifts of stock or other appreciated assets are also suitable for this purpose and offer special tax benefits. Contact Wesleyan's Office of Institutional Advancement at 478-757-5187. Donors can even give online through a safe and secure section of the website.

For years, paint crackled beneath John the Evangelist and a hole widened near the shoulder of Bartholomew. Decades of dust and grime covered details of the dramatic scene captured on a massive 1929 reproduction owned by Wesleyan. Despite a torn sagging canvas, the splendor of the historic moment remained. In it, Jesus Christ reveals to the apostles that his betrayer is with them at the table. The apostles react in astonishment, save Judas, who unwittingly reveals himself by reaching across the table for Christ's bread.

The scene comes to life through Wesleyan's spectacular oil painting, the *Last Supper* painted by famed Florentine artist A. Corsi Lalli. The painting, measuring five feet in height and eleven in width, is a copy of the *Last Supper* by Leonardo da Vinci and until this year it had been deteriorating and held in campus storage. But a \$15,000 gift from Wesleyan's Board of Trustees ensured that the historic painting, along with its stunning gold-leaf frame, was restored to its original glory.

"The oil on canvas painting is 70 x 132 inches, a full-sized copy of da Vinci's *Last Supper* in Milan," according to Wesleyan Professor of Art and Fine Arts Division Chair Dr. Libby Bailey. "The frame is also fabulous. Commissioned in 1929 and painted especially for Wesleyan College, it was a very generous gift from an important donor of the College. Fine copies of paintings by the old masters are valuable and found in many important art collections. Several important works of art were donated to the College in the late 1920s and early 1930s — including our copy of the *Last Supper* — and these were the beginning of a notable art collection for Wesleyan's new Rivoli Campus and the foundation of the current Wesleyan Treasures Collection."

The important donor was Samuel Candler Dobbs of Atlanta. In 1930, during the

opening exercises of the College, he presented the painting personally. "No museum, no church or collection can ever possess [da Vinci's original] matchless piece of dramatic art," he said during the presentation. "Therefore, the next best thing that we can have is a copy; and there are altogether too few copies of it in existence today."

Dobbs described traveling through Italy with his daughter and visiting the old church to see da Vinci's masterpiece. The masterpiece, he said, "seemed a mere ghost of a picture as it stood crumbling into decay, notwithstanding the very best efforts to preserve it." As he looked at da Vinci's work, Dobbs decided that he would be very happy to give a copy of the masterpiece to Wesleyan. Later, he called Dr. Umberto Gianesi, director of the National Association of Artists in Florence, and discussed a plan for making the copy. Gianesi recommended Professor Lalli as "the best man living to make the copy."

During the 1930 presentation of the painting, Dobbs told his Wesleyan audience that "through Dr. Gianesi, I entered into negotiations with Professor Lalli, and you have before you today the result of his year's work."

But many years later, like da Vinci's masterpiece, Wesleyan's treasure also faced decay despite attempts to preserve it until this year when the Board of Trustees elected to adopt the painting and sponsor its restoration. Because of the canvas's enormous size, the painting was restored on campus by Restoration Artist Catherine Rogers who traveled from Charleston. Throughout the project, she consolidated paint and ground layers, re-aligned and mended tears, removed dust, flattened planar distortions, reduced canvas slackness, cleaned surface grime, removed old varnish,



applied new varnish, filled paint losses, and attached a protective backing board. "Wesleyan is grateful to Wesleyan College Board of Trustees Chairman Tom Bass who led the initiative to restore the *Last Supper*," said Wesleyan's Vice President for Institutional Advancement Debbie Smith. "Tom and his wife Tricia have been valuable supporters of Wesleyan's Adopt-a-Painting program. They recognize that conserving the Wesleyan Treasures Collection is a critical, ongoing process."

The *Last Supper* painting was one of many awaiting restoration through a unique Adopt-a-Painting program that allows donors the opportunity to select a specific work of art and sponsor its conservation. Donors help Wesleyan ensure the longevity of the College's extensive collection of fine paintings, prints, furniture, and objects.

Individuals like Tom and Tricia Bass have contributed greatly to Wesleyan's conservation and restoration efforts, helping to preserve some of Georgia's most beautiful artwork. Adopt-a-Painting was created in 2002 to connect prospective donors who wanted to support the Wesleyan Treasures Collection with specific and tangible needs. Initially, almost 150 paintings were examined through a comprehensive evaluation of the collection. A restoration expert provided estimates for repair ranging from \$700 to \$8,000, depending on the extent of the damage and the work involved in the restoration of each painting.

"To date," according to Debbie Smith, "nearly fifty paintings have been adopted through

Adopt-a-Painting; of those, forty-six have been restored. Approximately, \$150,000 has been raised since 2002 through this successful program. It's wonderful to see donors connect on a personal level with a specific work of art. Dynamic relationships have developed from these adoptions, and we place the greatest value on that intangible outcome."

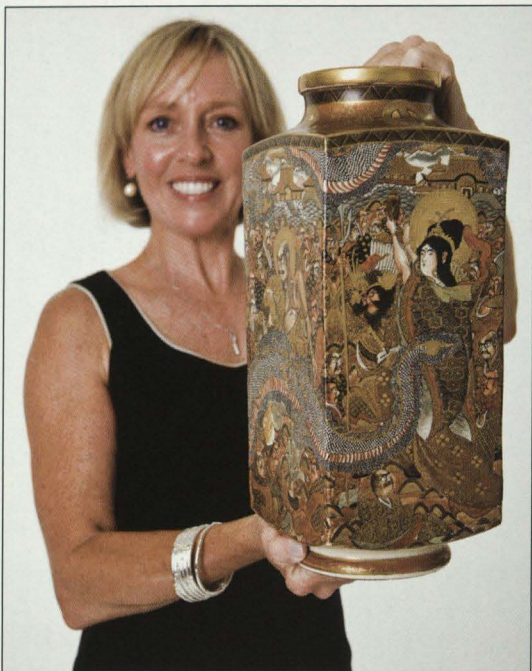
Wesleyan's collection — donated by alumnae, foundations, and friends of the College — is among the most impressive in central Georgia and includes three Kress Foundation gifts: *Madonna and Child* by the Late Renaissance Venetian painter Cima da Conegliano, and *Adoration of the Magi* and *Adoration of the Shepherds* by the Venetian Rococo painter Gaspare Diziani. Seascapes by Cowles Myles Collier form the core of a significant group of New England landscapes, recently enhanced through the gift of a pastoral painting by Hugh Bolton Jones. The print collection is highlighted by a portrait of General George Custer by Andy Warhol and a series of colorful abstract cats by the revolutionary Dutch artist Karel Appel.

"The Adopt-a-Painting program targets restoration needs of the paintings in the collection, although the Wesleyan Treasures Collection also includes furniture, artifacts, tapestries, documents, and decorative arts," said Wesleyan Professor of Art Libby Bailey. "While many individual works stand out for their beauty or expressive power, the value of Wesleyan's treasures lies in the strength of the collection as a whole — one that has great aesthetic and educational importance to students, scholars, and art enthusiasts."



GIFTS THAT GIVE BACK TO YOUR ALMA MATER

Helena Eastman Ogden Campbell (1879-1964): American Painter and Collector. Learn more about this extraordinary alumna in the official exhibition catalogue. The forty-page, soft-cover book includes an essay by guest curator Dorothy Ogden Brown '67 and dozens of beautiful, full-color plates. The \$15 purchase price includes a donation to the Wesleyan College Art Restoration Fund. To order, call Raycine Durham at (478) 757-5189.



Meet Lisa Sloben

Under the leadership of Director Lisa Sloben, Wesleyan's newest center of excellence is bursting with energy. Now fully implemented, The Center for Creative & Performing Arts will serve Wesleyan and the Middle Georgia community with a variety of visual, performing, and literary arts experiences.

In 2004, Wesleyan began a plan for excellence centered on a series of academic centers, which will strengthen existing programs for our students, promote professional development for our faculty, and reach out to our community. The Centers will quite literally extend the campus – bringing the world to Wesleyan and taking Wesleyan students into the world.

Other academic centers of excellence include The Lane Center for Community Engagement & Service, The Center for Women in Science & Technology, and The Center for Educational Renewal.

Wesleyan has a rich heritage of excellence in the arts. Through the enhanced programming of The Center for Creative & Performing Arts, students will benefit from direct links between those experiences and their courses in art history, English, music, studio art, theater, and voice.

The Center will plan art exhibits, workshops, artist-in-residence programs, audition and portfolio reviews, and focused internships. This Center also will be responsible for maintaining and enhancing the College's considerable collection of art holdings.

Frederica von Stade Concert

Not surprisingly, the nation's highest concentration of arts events is in metropolitan areas, which means that many of us have limited access to high quality arts experiences. But not at Wesleyan College. This year we will present more than thirty arts programs to students, faculty, alumnae, and the Central Georgia community. And the educational activities that accompany each performance, exhibition, concert, and recital are especially meaningful to our students. One of the highlights of our cultural calendar is a concert and Master Class with Metropolitan Opera star Frederica von Stade and accompanist Martin Katz. The concert is the first in a series of distinctive performances brought to Wesleyan by the Ad Hoc Fine Arts Committee Chair and Board of Trustee Kate Watson.

"One of America's finest artists and singers." – *New York Times*. Frederica von Stade has enriched the world of classical music for over thirty years with appearances in opera, concert, and recital. Known as "Flicka" to family and friends, von Stade has performed on the stages of the world's great opera houses, concert halls, recording studios, and television studios. During the past three decades she has gathered fans worldwide and it's easy to see why.

Starting at the top, she debuted in 1970 with the Metropolitan Opera and has sung nearly all of the great roles with the New York company. In the year 2000 she performed a new production of *The Merry Widow* created specifically for her on the 30th Anniversary of her debut. The mezzo-soprano has appeared with every leading opera company in America and Europe. "Flicka" has performed under the finest conductors and appeared in concert with the world's leading orchestras. Unparalleled as a recitalist, Frederica von Stade will perform here with accompanist Martin Katz.

"The dean of collaborative pianists." – *Los Angeles Times*. Martin Katz is an accomplished pianist and one of the busiest. His international career began in New York thirty-five years ago and since then he has performed innumerable recitals at Carnegie Hall, La Scala, the Paris Opera, the Edinburgh Festival and world-wide tours. His repertoire has increased to include conducting as well as coaching future opera stars. But he is committed to teaching and home is Ann



Arbor, where Katz Chairs the University of Michigan School of Music's programs in accompanying, chamber music, and operatic productions.

"...mezzo soprano Frederica von Stade can draw a full house of people just to be in her presence and watch her be herself...she's enchanting...a startling radiance...and simple delight..." – *San Francisco Chronicle*.

Wesleyan Trustee, alumna, and vocalist Kate Watson first met Frederica at a benefit concert chaired by her husband, Mitchell Watson, and knew she had to bring the star to Wesleyan's campus. Recently, Kate formed the Ad Hoc Fine Arts Committee of the Wesleyan Board of Trustees with a commitment to deliver a Connoisseur Series of international artists to the campus. This concert launches the first in a series of distinctive performances. Kate is collaborating with the faculty, staff, alumnae, and Board of Trustees as well as reaching out to the Macon community to welcome Frederica von Stade and Martin Katz to the Wesleyan campus as a fundraiser for the Fine Arts Division.

Frederica's program will be a rich variety from classical to popular Broadway tunes; from Italian opera to contemporary composers including those written especially for her and accompanied by her favorite pianist, Martin Katz. The concert is Sunday, April 19, 2009 at 4 p.m. in the Porter Fine Arts Building Auditorium. A Master Class for Wesleyan students will be held on Monday, April 20, 2008. For tickets, call (478) 757-5171.



Playwrights and performers earn national recognition

Student Playwright Rebekah Byxbe's play *Trials and Tattoos* was a winner at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF) Southeastern Conference held at Clemson University in February. Then, Byxbe's work advanced to the KCACTF National 10-Minute Play Competition where it was one of sixteen plays from the United States considered for a presentation at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC.

Thrilled about the national recognition, Byxbe said, "This was a very exciting event for me. I was chosen as one of the top sixteen out of a field of over eight hundred."

More than six hundred colleges and universities participate in KCACTF, so Rebekah was up against graduate students in prestigious MFA playwriting programs. At the regional festival, Rebekah had her work seen and assessed by major figures in the theatre world, such as Gary Garrison,

executive director of the Dramatists Guild. She also had the opportunity to work with actors and directors from other schools.

Trials and Tattoos was presented to the local community when Wesleyan's theatre department presented its FESTIVAL OF NEW PLAYS, five original plays written by Wesleyan students. The plays were written in a playwriting class taught by playwright Robert Fieldsteel. The staged readings were directed by Frazer Lively and included *Blood* by April Chandler, *Check* by Loren Simpson, *Trials and Tattoos* by Rebekah Byxbe, *Stamp Collecting* by Kris Fenn, and *Be My Own* by Kristen Curry.

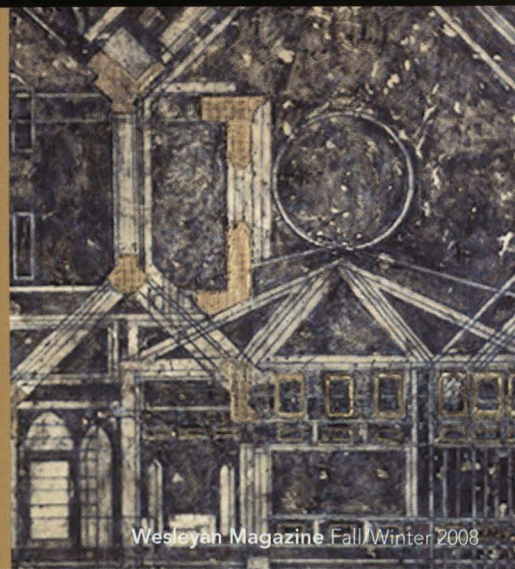
Dr. Frazer Lively, chair of Wesleyan's Theatre Department claimed, "All of our students are producing incredible work. We are thrilled that Rebekah represented the College for the region and that her play won national recognition. Our students benefited a great deal from the expertise of playwright Robert Fieldsteel, who led

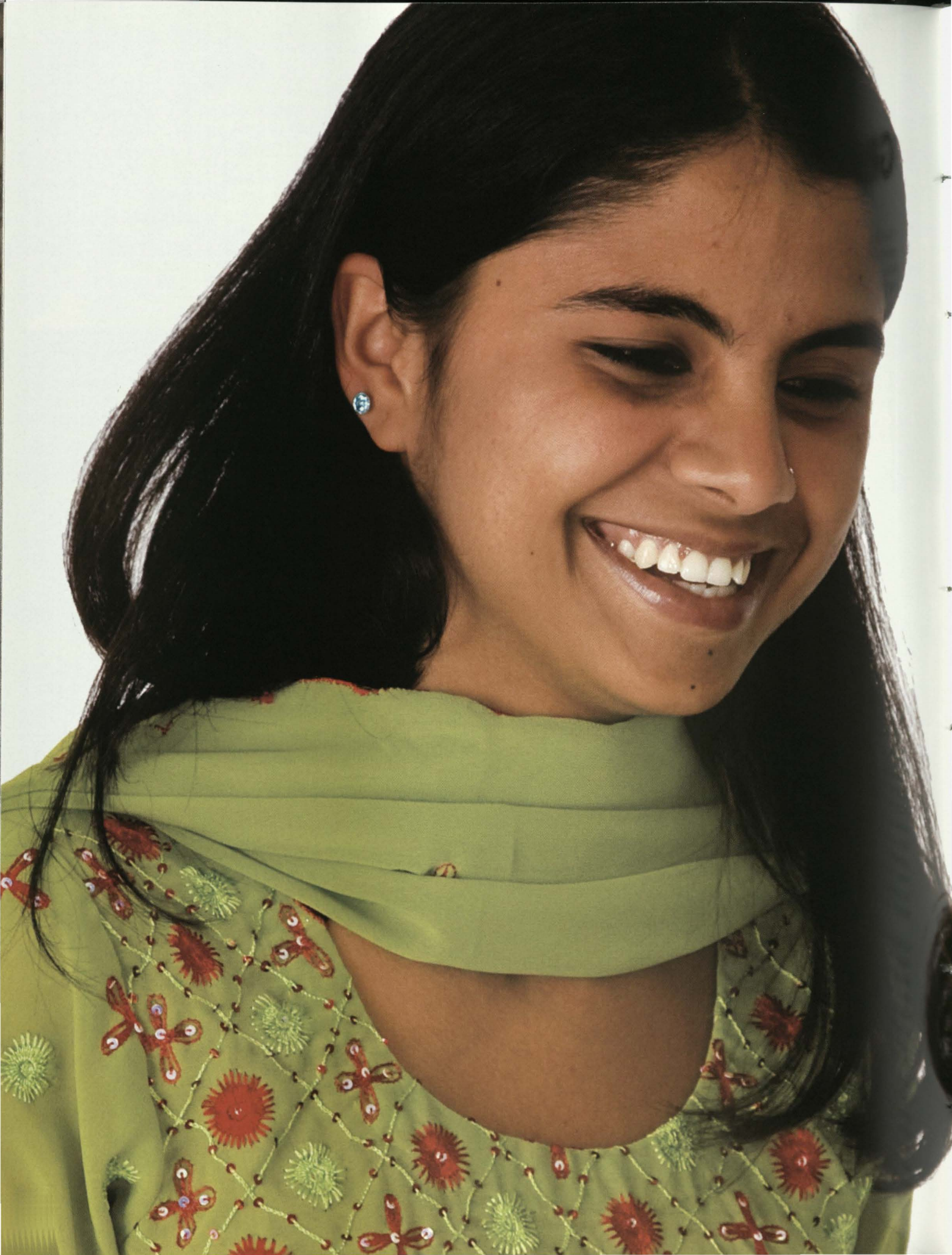
them in a wonderful class. Robert attended the regional festival and helped Rebekah as she went through the process of having her play rehearsed and critiqued. Robert reported that Rebekah came across as a graduate student, not the sophomore she actually was."

In addition to the attention on playwriting, Wesleyan's theatre majors have been recognized for outstanding performance talents. Students Jasmine Jackson, Loren Simpson, and Forrest Curtis were invited to be Irene Ryan candidates in the regional Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, based on their performances in the 2007 Wesleyan College fall productions of *Five Women Wearing the Same Dress* and *Trust*. Simpson and Jackson each prepared a monologue and two scenes with a partner. Wesleyan Assistant Professor of Theatre Dr. Jan Lewis coached the students for the acting competition, which also took place during February in Clemson, SC.

GOLDSLEGER AND MILLARD

Two of the region's most recognized contemporary artists exhibited together at Wesleyan College this year. Cheryl Goldsleger's work in various drawing and painting media, including encaustic, was installed alongside the abstract sculpture of Larry Millard in Wesleyan's Murphey Gallery. Both artists explore architectural themes and spatial relationships through the use of translucent materials. Much of Goldsleger's three-dimensional encaustic and resin works represent plans and diagrams of actual structures and reflect her interest in the history of women in architecture. Both Goldsleger and Millard have exhibited internationally, present work regularly in the United States, and have won numerous awards including National Endowment for the Arts artist's grants. Art patrons will find the sculpture of Millard in important public and private collections across the Southeast. Goldsleger's work has been reviewed, discussed, and featured in a wide variety of publications. Her drawings and paintings are included in the permanent collections of prestigious contemporary museums around the world such as the Museum of Modern Art in New York, The Fogg Art Museum at Harvard University, and the High Museum in Atlanta.





GREAT expectations

I have to bear in mind not just my own dream, but the dreams of others too. I have a responsibility to take what I learn back to share. -- Khushbu Mishra

In South Asia, nestled between the People's Republic of China and India, lies the relatively small country of Nepal. The Himalaya mountain range runs across Nepal's northern and western borders, and their capital city is exotic Kathmandu. Twelve hours south of the capital, and just thirteen and a half miles from the border of India, is the small town of Janakpur, Nepal, which is home to Khushbu Mishra, a second year student at Wesleyan.

In Janakpur, life is generally slow paced and relaxed. More than eighty percent of the population is dependent upon agriculture for their survival. Unfortunately, only about twenty percent of the country is

"Not all children in my village go to school," she said. "We had only four girls in my class of twenty-five students. Even so, most girls leave school by tenth grade, get married, and have children. If I didn't go to school that would have been the case for me, also. In America, the fact that everyone goes to school... well, it's part of the pace. America is the most powerful country in the world. Even the little development we've had in Nepal has been destroyed by internal war."

Khushbu was fortunate to become involved with Pestalozzi Overseas Children's Trust (POCT), a foundation that enables education through scholarships for impoverished children between the ages of eight and eighteen. Without scholarships, most families in Nepal are unable to send their children to school and usually the alternative is a

She said, "I need experience before I go back to Nepal. If I go back immediately after school, I'll be lost. People won't understand me. It would be chaos without the knowledge I need to help."

Of the full time students at Wesleyan, fifteen percent are international students representing sixteen countries. Currently, nineteen of those students are from Nepal. Khushbu, whose name means fragrance, appreciates the luxuries life in America affords her, things most of us take for granted. She never forgets where she comes from and where she will be returning. In Khushbu's home town, the houses are made of mud. For the first nine years of her life, she lived without electricity. There are no doctors in Janakpur and visiting the nearest doctor is a two-hour trip made only by the very ill.

"If it benefits only me, then what is the point?"

— Khushbu Mishra

fit for agriculture. Typically, people produce just enough to sustain their family with very little left over. In a culture where, according to Hindu tradition, marriage is essential, most girls get married before they reach the age of fifteen. Perhaps a man's life is considered incomplete without a wife, but a woman has virtually no option but to marry early and produce children... preferably male children. At the age of nine, Khushbu Mishra left Janakpur and a culture where forty percent of primary school aged girls do not attend school.

In Nepal, schools are seldom girl-friendly. Female teachers or role models that encourage girls to seek an education are rare. Khushbu's mother, however, is the daughter of a headmaster, and knows the value of an education. "My mom has big ambitions for me," Khushbu said. "It is my mom who brought me where I am right now. When I was very young, she took me to the city to take a nationwide examination that got me into the best school in Nepal." The school is where Khushbu learned to speak both English and Nepali at the same time; Maithili being her native, local language.

life working as a laborer. When searching for scholarship recipients, POCT selects students on the basis of ability as well as need. Many scholars, like Khushbu, excel in middle and high school and are then able to earn additional scholarships for attending college.

When Khushbu completed tenth grade in Nepal she applied for an International Baccalaureate program which took her to the United Kingdom to study. That is where she learned about Wesleyan College, a place that attracts women who have a passion for learning and making a difference. Khushbu sees Wesleyan as an avenue available to women who want the challenge to accomplish their ambitious goals. Her aspiration is to work for the development of her own country.

"What I plan to do," she said, "is get an education that will allow me to work for a financial institution in America for a few years, to see how a developed country operates. Then I can apply that knowledge when I go back to my country." She is working toward a double major in economics and mathematics.

"When I left Nepal," she said, "I had in my mind that I have this advantage of getting educated and seeing the world, and there are so many others who do not have the same opportunity. I have to bear in mind not just my own dream, but the dreams of others, too. I have a responsibility to take what I learn back to share. I love my country and my people."

In Nepal, culture is still dominated by a caste system and sending a young woman to study abroad is frowned upon. Typically, marriage determines a woman's options and livelihood. Khushbu understands the importance, perhaps the enormity, of what her mother has done by going against the expectations of her society, and she feels responsible for her.

"My mother is educating me despite our society's disapproval," Khushbu said. "She says that since I got the opportunity to study abroad, I should work hard and achieve the best in whatever I do. Then come back and show society so they will realize. They will be aware that it is a good thing and maybe they will send their daughters to school, too."



Wesleyan Model UN Team:

advancing the future of women's leadership on a global scale

The Wesleyan College Model United Nations (WCMUN) team was selected to represent the nations of Namibia and Sierra Leone at the prestigious Harvard National Model United Nations conference held in Boston, Massachusetts February 14-17, 2008. As a result of several donations and fundraisers the women conducted themselves, twenty-three students were able to attend.

The international conference, which each year draws over 2,600 students and faculty members from universities in thirty different countries, is staffed entirely by Harvard University students. It is an opportunity for students to experience firsthand the challenges of international negotiation and diplomacy, to develop a greater understanding of world politics, and to share their experiences and opinions with students from all around the world.

WCMUN Co-Chair Melissa Ward said, "These conferences are held mainly to educate students on the process of how the United Nations works. There are various awards given to delegations for debating and passing resolutions, but these are not the main goals of the conference."

At the conference, collegiate teams represent a member nation of the U.N., and must prepare position papers outlining "their" country's position on major foreign policy issues. Each student represents a point of view from a particular country and seeks to have the committee assembly listen to their country's interests

and preferences. The goal is to pass a resolution in order to solve the problem presented to the committee regarding a particular topic. This year, because the Wesleyan team was one of the largest at the conference, they divided into two teams and represented two countries. During the course of the conference, participants experience the obstacles that real-world leaders face as they debate issues concerning global security, poverty, healthcare, and education.

Wesleyan's 2008 Model U.N. team is the largest in the history of the WCMUN Club, with an impressive twenty-six members. Since 2006, the team has grown more than four times in size to its current number. Wesleyan's Model U.N. is not exclusively for political science or international relations majors, but includes students from areas such as education, chemistry, environmental science, English, studio art, economics, math, and religious studies. The WCMUN team is ethnically diverse, with members from India, Bangladesh, Nepal, South Korea, America, Zimbabwe, Ethiopia, Vietnam, and China. For the first time, Wesleyan had a nontraditional student participating in February's Harvard Conference.

According to Wesleyanne Rudo Mudiwa, Model U.N. Co-Chair, "The 2008 year marked a big shift for the Wesleyan Model U.N. Club. Our phenomenal growth in size allows us to develop into a more competitive and reputable team. For many teams, Harvard's Model U.N. Conference

is the capstone of a year full of other conferences, and a lot of schools offer Model U.N. as a class. In contrast, we only attend one conference and exist as a club run entirely by students."

Attending the Harvard Model U.N. conference allowed Wesleyan women the opportunity to dive into the world of international diplomacy and to stretch out of their comfort zones in public debate and analytical thinking. Most importantly, attending this conference allowed students to challenge the paradigm of women's leadership.

"I was a delegate for Sierra Leone on the Special Political and Decolonization Committee," said Rudo, "and the topic we addressed was African Terrorism. The actual U.N. simulation itself was pretty accurate, and the biggest thing that I took away from it was just how complex and frustrating it can be. Over the course of the weekend, I realized why the work the U.N. does is so important and also incredibly difficult. The U.N. has the responsibility of promoting peace and self-determination in the world, and it's really quite impressive to think about how much it has accomplished considering the obstacles."

"My partner, Cindy Tran, and I spoke several times," continued Rudo, "and even though the resolution we wanted failed, we were still happy because we saw that our comments influenced the eventual content of the resolution. People listened to our criticisms and made changes to

their drafts. I really enjoyed speaking in front of a crowd of about one hundred other students. It is affirming to know that I could comfortably articulate criticisms and thoughts on such complex issues. The weekend was just amazing because I got to be around some of the smartest college students in the world who are interested in many of the same issues that I am."

The Wesleyan team, run entirely by students, is currently in the process of making plans to attend the Harvard conference again next year, and hopes to attend at least one of the conferences held in Georgia in the fall. According to Melissa Ward, the local conferences will give newcomers the opportunity to see what a Model U.N. conference is like and learn how to perform the various tasks involved in being a delegate.

Melissa said, "We are excited about planning for the next event. We see this type of competition as a way to advance the future of women's leadership on a global scale. Before coming to Wesleyan, I never thought I would have attended this type of conference or that this was even an available possibility for women. I think that Model U.N. has the potential to thrive and develop young women leaders, and that Wesleyan is the perfect environment for this development."

In order to be competitive for the Harvard conference, the students added a rigorous practice schedule and enlisted the help of Wesleyan's faculty. Three members of Wesleyan's faculty were on hand before the conference to intermittently instruct the students in the structures and inner workings of the U.N., as well as prepare them to speak publicly in front of a large audience. Dr. Karen Huber, assistant professor of history, traveled with the team to Boston. Dr. Barbara Donovan, associate professor of political science and international relations, and Dr. Deidre Donmoyer, assistant professor of communication, played an essential role in preparing the students.

"It was great to see that Wesleyan women are not wallflowers," Rudo said. "We can be surrounded by the best and brightest and still hold our own. The faculty and many others at Wesleyan have been so helpful. We're already preparing for next year, and expect to have an even bigger team."

In short, we're dreaming really big and have a dedicated, creative and energetic team. The Club and its members embody Wesleyan's mission to create women leaders and advocates, and our experience at the next conference promises to be not only personally enriching but also beneficial to the whole campus."

Wesleyan College Press releases its first publication

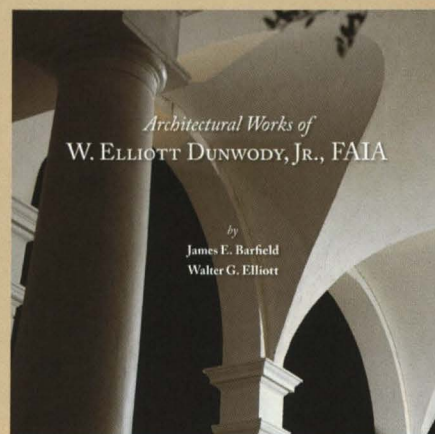
The Architectural Works of W. Elliott Dunwody, Jr

Wesleyan College proudly announces the flagship publication of its new press, a tribute to *The Architectural Works of W. Elliott Dunwody, Jr., FAIA*. Written by James E. Barfield and featuring the photography of Walter G. Elliott, this exquisite book of elegant architectural photography and insights celebrates many of the historic Macon homes treasured today.

The career of W. Elliott Dunwody (1893 – 1986) spanned more than half a century and produced hundreds of residential, commercial, and institutional projects. Forty-two residential homes in Macon are featured in the book, plus many institutional, academic, religious, and commercial projects from the region. Included in the book's nearly two hundred pages are Dunwody's architectural drawings, fascinating historical reference material, and stunning exterior and interior architectural photographs.

"He was always admired for houses he designed and rightly so," according to author James Barfield. "He was acutely aware of what gives a house beauty and charm, of what makes a house comfortable and, by no means incidentally, of what makes a house suitable for entertaining. From the outset of his career and continuing to the present, it has been a point of pride to be able to say 'My house is an Elliott Dunwody.'"

Born in Macon in 1893, W. Elliott Dunwody, Jr. became one of the area's best-known and most talented architects. Buildings he designed still grace the landscape of his hometown and beyond and may be his most lasting monuments. But during his lifetime he was also known and celebrated for his manifold and far-reaching contributions to his community. Among many contributions to the architectural landscape of the region, Elliott's long association with Wesleyan College exemplifies the timeless nature of his work. It is fitting that a tribute to the architecture of W. Elliott Dunwody is the first book to be published by the newly formed Wesleyan College Press.



Eighty years ago, Wesleyan acquired the two hundred acres on Forsyth Road and began building what was originally referred to as the Rivoli Campus. In the 1920s, W. Elliott Dunwody, then a young architect, oversaw the design of the new campus. His wife Mary Bennet was a Wesleyan alumna and he designed and built in her honor a patio on the campus. The Dunwodys' home for almost sixty years was located within sight of the campus. His 1928 Master Plan for the campus continues to guide the construction and development of all projects on Wesleyan's campus. Still to this day, two additional generations of the Dunwody family carry on the family tradition of designing buildings for Wesleyan.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation recognized the historical significance of Wesleyan's campus in 2004. The College's beautiful 200-acre wooded campus, along with thirty buildings, is listed in the National Register of Historic Places as the Wesleyan College Historic District.

The Architectural Works of W. Elliott Dunwody, Jr., FAIA; written by James E. Barfield and featuring the photography of Walter G. Elliott; 10x10, 172 pages, \$39.95. [ISBN: 978-1-934144-25-1] To purchase a copy of the book, call 478-757-5120.

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A Message from the Alumnae Association President:

Alumnae Weekend was a huge success in many ways. We enjoyed glorious weather which allowed for campus tours, the Picnic by the Fountain, the Alumnae Marketplace, and our traditional Parade of Classes, led this year by the Class of 1958 and their live Purple Knight on his royal steed. We were filled with pride as we honored our 2008 Alumnae Award recipients at the annual meeting. We dedicated the aptly named "Sisters Fountain" in celebration of the bonds of sisterhood forged among Wesleyannes throughout the years. And, thanks to the plans of Alumnae Weekend Chair Flo Williams Douglas '67, there were many other opportunities for special memories to be made and shared.

From the glow of the Candlelighting service to the laughter and gatherings around every bench and rocking chair, the women of Wesleyan enjoyed reconnecting with the campus and with each other.

The spirit of the weekend is captured inside the pages of this issue, but you may also wish to visit the alumnae section of the website to view more than 400 photos from the weekend. You will see them and smile....

Jody Bethea Riggs '88
President, Wesleyan College Alumnae Association





Alumnae Weekend 2009 April 17, 18 & 19

You will be receiving more information about your reunion this fall. Reunions are celebrated at five-year intervals, but all alumnae are invited to this and every Alumnae Weekend.

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1929	1944	1959	1974	1989	2004
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2008 ALUMNAE AWARD RECIPIENTS

HALE COBLE EDWARDS ELEANOR ADAMS LANE BETTY NUNN MORI SARAH CHERVENAK

HALE COBLE EDWARDS

CLASS OF 1973

Distinguished Achievement in a Profession

Hale Coble Edwards' student days at Wesleyan were only a glimpse of her potential and the things she would accomplish after graduation. Dorm President, Resident Advisor, Naiads President, member of the W Club, President of SRA, and recipient of the Quillian Stunt Scholarship are just a few of Hale's involvements and recognitions during her four years at Wesleyan. Her accomplishments after leaving Wesleyan are just as impressive.

Since 1999, Hale has been a social studies teacher in Greenville, South Carolina, County Schools. She is a leader who, according to her principal at Riverside Middle School, "uses creative ideas to capture the attention and promote the success of students who have failed to be involved in classes elsewhere." In 2000, she began the Model United Nations program at her school, fostering many student recognitions and awards. She has participated in numerous social studies institutes at various colleges, most notably at the "Teacher Forum on Education," through the Center for Education Policy and Leadership of the Riley Institute at Furman University.

In 2006, Hale brought the Peer Mediation program to her school and became chairman of the committee that developed the Character Education program. That same year she was named a Middle School Teacher of Excellence by the South Carolina Council for the Social Studies, and also earned a master's degree in middle level social studies. Hale has achieved National Board Certification in Early Adolescence/Social Studies and History, a certification earned only by a very few top educators nationwide.

Through the National Consortium for Teaching Asia and the Goethe Institute Transatlantic Outreach Program, Hale has traveled to China, Japan, and Germany bringing back first-hand experience of other cultures, thus enhancing the educational experience of her students. In 2007, she was named National Middle Level Social Studies Teacher of the Year by the National Council for the Social Studies. Currently, she is a member of Furman University's Riley Institution Advisory Council, where she leads other teachers in curriculum enhancement. She has been recognized by students, parents, and her peers on local, regional, and national levels.

Pictured above (left to right) are Hale Coble Edwards, Eleanor Adams Lane, President Ruth Knox, Betty Nunn Mori, Sarah Chervenak

ELEANOR ADAMS LANE CLASS OF 1958

Valeria McCullough Murphey Award

In the fall of 1954, Eleanor Adams arrived at Wesleyan as a freshman. No one who shared Persons Dormitory with her that first semester could have imagined the effect that she would have on the lives of her classmates and her college. By the time she graduated, however, everyone was certain of two things: Eleanor Adams was a leader, and Eleanor Adams loved Wesleyan. Those two attributes would work together to make a profound impact on both the college and its daughters for the next 50 years.

Eleanor's contributions to her alma mater and her Wesleyan sisters began shortly after graduation with involvement in the Macon Alumnae Club and as a class Loyalty Fund liaison. She served as a professional mentor to Wesleyan students in the field of social work. On two separate occasions she has been a member of the Board of Trustees, serving as vice-chairman for four years. She has contributed to and supported every major fundraising campaign of the College in the last 50 years. Perhaps most significant has been her involvement with the Lane Center for Community Engagement and Service, a cornerstone of Wesleyan's commitment to encouraging her students to a life of service and providing guidance in and opportunity for that service. In 1980, Eleanor received the Alumnae Award for Distinguished Achievement.

Her involvement with organizations like the League of Women Voters, the Macon Council on World Affairs, the Girl Scout Council of Middle Georgia, Career Women's Network of Macon, and the Middle Georgia Food Bank have made her an exemplary ambassador for Wesleyan. These organizations, too, have honored her commitment to service. She has never hesitated to question the way things are in order to discover the way they should be and when she puts her hand to the plow, platitude must give way to practice, oratory to execution. To put it plainly, Eleanor cares about her immediate community and the world at large.

BETTY NUNN MORI CLASS OF 1958

Distinguished Service to Wesleyan

An Atlanta friend and fellow Wesleyan trustee describes Betty Nunn Mori as one who "exemplifies the Wesleyan ideal of keen perception, contagious enthusiasm, warm encouragement, and focused dedication." Over the years, Betty has continued to support her alma mater showing unwavering service in many ways. As a loyal alumna, Betty has been an active member of the Atlanta Alumnae Club, opening her home for new student parties and other Wesleyan events.

She is a loyal advocate for Wesleyan and women's education, and is proof that one can combine family, volunteer leadership, and career with grace and success. Shortly after receiving her BA degree from Emory University, Betty married Jean Mori. Together, Betty and Jean founded Mori Luggage and Gifts, Inc. in Atlanta in 1971. This successful family business now claims more than 30 stores in five southeastern states.

Betty has served the College as a member of the Board of Trustees since 1990, chairing the Academic Affairs Committee and the Committee on Trustees, and holding a position on both the trustees' Strategic Planning Committee and a Presidential Search Committee. Betty and her brother, Sam Nunn, established the Elizabeth Cannon Nunn ('26) Scholarship in memory of their mother. Betty was major gifts chair for the Forever First Campaign and Atlanta team captain for the Alumnae Campaign for Endowed Teaching Chairs. She has also worked to secure remarkable gifts for the College and has used her passion for Wesleyan to recruit both trustees and students.

Betty has given countless volunteer hours to education, adult literacy, and economic development projects in Georgia, including the State Board of Technical and Adult Education, The Quick Start Program, Fulton County Schools, The Georgia Conservancy, and the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Atlanta. At Wesleyan, Betty has enlightened students with her business knowledge.

SARAH CHERVENAK CLASS OF 1993

Young Alumna Award

Sarah Chervenak is a Special Agent for the FBI. Following 9/11/01, she played an integral role in the investigation of the worst terrorist attack ever on American soil. She was involved in evidence collection, security to the site, and following up on leads, some of which lead to the arrest, conviction and imprisonment of terrorists.

After earning a juris doctorate degree from Samford University Cumberland School of Law in 1996, Sarah trained at the FBI facility in Quantico, Virginia. Since then she has had training around the world in counterterrorism, international and domestic terrorism, foreign intelligence surveillance, and cyber investigating. Her training has included class work in ethics, behavioral sciences, interviewing and legal issues, and special training in firearms, physical fitness, defense tactics, and practicals

After graduating from the FBI academy in July 1997, Sarah traveled to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, as part of the Rapid Deployment Team, responding to the U.S. Embassy bombing there. In Africa for nearly three weeks, she conducted investigations, processed evidence and conducted liaison with U.S. Embassy staff. In 1999, Sarah assisted in a multi-agency search for convicted Atlanta Centennial Park bomber Eric Robert Rudolph. From 2001 to 2005, she assisted in several investigations including the John Walker Lindh (a.k.a. "The American Taliban") case, the Virginia Jihad case, and the Ahmed Omar Abu Ali investigation. Since 2005, Sarah has worked on a Cyber-Counterterrorism squad, investigating cyber terrorists who wish to harm the United States and its allies. She holds Top Secret/SCI Clearance.

While at Wesleyan, Sarah was an outstanding athlete and an outspoken advocate for a strong athletic program. After her graduation, the College retired her soccer jersey in honor of her four-year statistics.

Now is the time to Nominate for 2009 Alumnae Awards:

Distinguished Achievement in a Profession • Distinguished Service to Community, Church or Wesleyan • Young Alumna Award

For nomination forms contact the alumnae office (478) 757-5172 or download forms from our website. Deadline January 10, 2009.

Alumnae CONNECTIONS

Spring and summer alumnae events focused on the Munroe Science Center, student recruitment efforts and the Alumnae Admissions Representative (AAR) Program, and the Fine Arts Program at Wesleyan. Since 1836, Wesleyan has embraced the arts with programs of study in music, visual arts, and theatre. Today, dynamic instruction and performance in each of these disciplines means creative women are still drawn to Wesleyan for the latest in fine arts programming. To refer students interested in fine arts majors, minors, and scholarships, please call 800.447.6610.

Georgia

Albany / Moultrie

President Ruth Knox '75 met with alumnae in Albany at the Stonebridge Golf and Country Club, where she gave an update on the college. **Tracy Ward Tilley '89**, director of the AAR Program, shared information on the many ways alumnae can volunteer through the program to help with student recruitment. **Debbie Jones Smith '76**, vice president for advancement, and **Cathy Coxey Snow '71**, alumnae director, also attended the luncheon meeting. **Mary Joe Cawley McGee '53** coordinated plans for the March event with help from other alumnae hostesses: **Syd Willis Blackmarr '54**, **Jean Cowart Fleming '48**, **Rosalind Turner Jeter '70**, **Elizabeth Dillard Kuipers '92**, and **Charlotte Smith Pfeiffer '66**.

Atlanta

The Atlanta Club's *Spring Luncheon*, held at the Horseradish Grill in May, featured guest speaker Vivia L. Fowler, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College, who presented an informative discussion on *Wesleyan Wonders: Academic Achievements Galore!* The club's annual fundraiser included selling Wesleyan plates, tea towels, and coasters with scenes of the college at the *Wesleyan Alumnae Marketplace* held during Alumnae Weekend 2008. Proceeds from the sales benefit the club's scholarship fund. **Lisa Bridges Hines '98** is president of the Atlanta Club.

Augusta

Area alumnae met at the Augusta Country Club for a *Luncheon with the President* and enjoyed meeting with Ruth Knox. Other college guests included Debbie Smith, **Beth Kargel '91**, major gifts officer, and **Lisa Sloben '00**, director of Wesleyan's Center for Creative and Performing Arts. **Harriet Laslie Reynolds '62** coordinated plans for the luncheon with help from other alumnae hostesses that included **Glenda Barrett Bull '64**, **Marcia Adams Cashin '59**, **Sally Roberts Griffin '76**, **Pat Mangum '54**, **Shannon McGinley '99**, and **Melanie Rahn '94**.

Macon

In March, Macon Young Alumnae celebrated STUNT night by meeting for dinner before attending STUNT performances. They also co-partnered with the alumnae association in hosting the traditional *May Reception after Commencement* for 2008 graduates and their families, held on the lawn in front of Porter Auditorium. **Brandy Hayes '98**, **Lindsay Abernethy '00**, **Wende Sanderson Meyer von Bremen '80**, and her daughter, Meghan (2012), served as alumnae hostesses. **Lauren Hamblin '06** is the new club co-leader.

Northeast Region *(New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island)*

Wesleyan alumnae from eight states were invited to The Metropolitan Museum of Art in July to welcome Ruth Knox, Vivia Fowler, and members of the Wesleyan College 2008 Leadership Institute to the City. Leadership participants composed of Wesleyan seniors, faculty, and trustees visited New York for a week of intensive study focusing on "Leaders in Women's Advocacy." Alumnae and students gathered in the Terrace Room at The Met for an afternoon of shared sisterhood and networking opportunities. Leadership sponsors and Wesleyan Trustees **Alexis X. Bighley '67**, **Lynda Brinks Pfeiffer '63**, **Diane A. Lumpkin '63**, and **Judy Woodward Gregory '63** thanked alumnae hostesses **Lorinda Lou Beller '64**, **Lois Goldman Cowan '45**, **Gayle Attaway Findlay '55**, **Rachel Garcia '03**, **Nancy Haller '57**, **Keena Hammond '95**, **Heather Hughes '05**, **Anita Stern Isaac '76**, **Yehudi Self-Medlin '96**, and **Elizabeth Hean Stone '48** for a special *Wesleyan Sunday in the City*.

Wesleyan First Award

The Wesleyan Alumnae Association's Board of Managers created the "Wesleyan First Award" in 2008 as a way for alumnae clubs to identify and honor prospective students in their communities. The award is given to a high school sophomore girl who is active in community service, has strong leadership and academic potential, and has a minimum GPA of 3.0. It is presented at the end of the recipient's sophomore year.

In 2008, the first year for the award, awards were presented to both a junior and a sophomore student. The award included a book, *We Are Our Mothers' Daughters* by Cokie Roberts, and the "Wesleyan First" Scholarship, valued at \$5,000 per year if the student attends Wesleyan College.

Awards were presented at Brookstone Academy in Columbus, Georgia, where **Ruth Powell Storts '93** and **Elizabeth Banowsky Swain '95** coordinated presentation plans, and at Leon High School in Tallahassee, Florida, where **Virginia Barber Perkins '63**, served as the Wesleyan liaison. **Judy Woodward Gregory '63**, **Martha Jean Laslie Woodward '54**, and **Susan Woodward Walker '70** also coordinated plans for the presentation of "Wesleyan First Awards" at Robert F. Munroe School in Quincy, Florida. The Board of Managers would like to include more schools in 2008-09 and will be working with alumnae clubs in several cities.

*For more information about alumnae activities/clubs in your area contact:
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1. Alumnae hostesses Jean Cowart Fleming '48 (left) and Mary Joe Cawley McGee '53 with President Ruth Knox at Stonebridge Country Club in Albany, Georgia.
2. Elizabeth Dillard Kuipers '92 (left), Charlotte Smith Pfeiffer '66, and Claudia Crawford Seyle '82 enjoy the Albany luncheon.
3. Greetings from Augusta. Alumnae hostesses (from left) Pat Mangum '54, Melanie Rahn '94, Harriet Laslie Reynolds '62, Shannon McGinley '99, Glenda Barrett Bull '64, Ruth Knox, and Marcia Adams Cashin '59 at the Augusta Country Club.
4. Former Wesleyan President Bob Ackerman, Lisa Sloben '00, and Ann Harrell Saunders '53 "talk Wesleyan" in Augusta.
5. Conservatory Girls. Musicians Artemisia "Artie" Dennis Thevaos '52 (left) and Claire Michaels Murray '52 attend the Augusta luncheon.
6. Meet Me at The Met. Alumnae hostesses at the 2008 Leadership Institute enjoy meeting at The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. Seated (from left): Gayle Attaway Findlay '55, Lois Goldman Cowan '45, President Ruth Knox, Elizabeth Hean Stone '48. Back row (from left): Yehudi Self-Medlin '96, Rachel Garcia '03, Lorinda Lou Beller '64, Heather Hughes '05, Keena Hammond '95 and Anita Stern Isaac '76.
7. Senior Leadership Institute participants at the alumnae/student reception in New York.
8. Leadership Institute seniors and Model UN participants (from left) Missy Ward '09, Kritika Thapa '09, and Rudo Mudiwa '09 in the Security Council Room, United Nations Headquarters.
9. Wesleyan Today and Tomorrow. Kritika Thapa '09 proudly displays the Wesleyan banner for the "Today Show" audience to see.
10. New York Bound. Trustee Judy Woodward Gregory '63 and Leadership Institute students.
11. Music and Memories. Sabrina Laney Warren '04 and Nadine Cheek Whitney '79 share Wesleyan memories at Sabrina's concert in Macon's St. Paul's Episcopal Church.
12. Putting Wesleyan First. (From left) WCAA President Elect Susan Woodward Walker '70 presents Wesleyan First Awards to Robert F. Munroe School students, Elizabeth Ann Clark and Adrienne Elizabeth Woodward. Martha Jean Laslie Woodward '54 (retired RFM teacher) also attended the presentation in Quincy, Florida.
13. Tallahassee First Awards. Leon High School students (from left) Isabel Wilson and Rachael Pennock receive Wesleyan First Awards from Alumna Trustee Virginia Barber Perkins '63.



Sympathy

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends sympathy to:

Louise Chapman Orr '41 of Macon, on the death of her sister, **Mary Jean Chapman Curry '34** of Atlanta, on December 25, 2007.

Sara Griffin James '45 of Jesup, GA, on the death of her granddaughter, Lauren Gates Harris of Odum, GA, on March 25, 2008.

Mary Ellen Findlay Schmich '45 of Eugene, OR, **Gayle Attaway Findlay '55** of New Canaan, CT, and **Helen Harwell Smith '67** of Washington, D.C., on the death of Mary Ellen's sister, Gayle's sister-in-law, and Helen's aunt, **Delma Findlay Watson '52** of Macon, on September 13, 2008.

Pauline "Polly" Domingos Lester '45 of Davidson, NC, on the death of her husband, Dr. Malcolm Lester, on March 8, 2008.

Margaret "Peggy" Halliburton Pickard '46 of Washington, DC, on the death of her husband, Sam Pickard, on September 27, 2006.

Marijean Allsopp Eilers '47 of Thomasville, GA, on the death of her son, Richard John "Rick" Bacon, on March 15, 2007.

Christine Nicholas '48 of Macon, on the death of her sister, Irene "Deenie" Wires, on April 12, 2008.

Marie Wilson Turner '48 of Mars Hill, NC, on the death of her sister, **Jane Wilson Russell '47** of Roswell, GA, on January 1, 2008.

Graziella Carlier de Dabrun '50 of Veyrier du Lac, France, on the death of her son, Etienne, in December 2007.

Matilda Dodd Trawick '50 of Tallahassee, FL, on the death of her sister, **Virginia "Ginny" Dodd Lane '57** of Dallas, TX, on January 23, 2008.

Jean Elsom Hogan '51 of Macon, on the death of her husband, Jasper Thomas Hogan, Jr. M.D., on July 19, 2008.

Becky Dodd Hollady '51 of Tallahassee, FL, on the death of her sister, **Virginia "Ginny" Dodd Lane '57** of Dallas, TX, on January 23, 2008.

Jody Mann Adams '52 of St. Simons Island, GA, on the death of her daughter, Allison Adams Hatton, on March 22, 2008.

Sheila Rubel Schertzer '52 of Cedarhurst, NY, on the death of her husband, Leon Schertzer, D.D.S., on April 4, 2008.

Claire Houser-Dodd '53 of Fort Valley, on the death of her husband, William A. Dodd, M.D., on August 20, 2008.

Kathleen "Tippie" Smith Hill '53 of Atlanta, and her daughters, **Kathi Hill Goddard '77** and **Robin Payne Hill '80**, on the death of Tippi's sister and Kathi and Robin's aunt, **Betty Anne Smith Griffin '46** of Conway, SC, on June 8, 2008.

Betty Smith Jennings '53 of Gainesville, GA, on the death of her son, Robert Mansfield "Bob" Jennings, Jr., M.D., on May 20, 2007.

Helen Long Bass '54 of Winnetka, IL, on the death of her husband, Wesley Edward Bass, Jr., on May 12, 2008.

Joyce Ann Loudermilk Richards '55 of Marietta, GA, on the death of her husband, George Richards, on March 18, 2008, and on the death of her brother, Ray Loudermilk, on May 16, 2008.

Carolyn Freund Hail '56 of Longview, WA, on the death of her husband, Joe J. Hail, Jr., on August 13, 2007.

Marion "Toot" Wade Mixon '56 and her daughter, **Wade Mixon Putnal '81**, both of Macon, on the death of Toot's sister and Wade's aunt, **Betty Wade Howard '53** of Macon, on May 12, 2008.

JoAn Bloodworth Nunnally '57 of East Point, GA, on the death of her husband, James Stewart Nunnally, on April 5, 2008.

Beckie Berryhill Comeau '58 of Cochran, GA, and **Yvonne Wiggins Jones '99** of Hawkinsville, GA, on the death of Beckie's mother and Yvonne's aunt, Grace Hall Berryhill of Cochran, on July 9, 2008.

Berta Dodd-Marbut '58 of San Antonio, TX, on the death of her sister, **Virginia "Ginny" Dodd Lane '57** of Dallas, TX, on January 23, 2008.

Carolyn Wade Barry '59 of Macon, on the death of her sister, **Betty Wade Howard '53** of Macon, on May 12, 2008.

Jeane Arnall Yancey '59 of Newnan, GA, on the death of her mother, **Louise Caldwell Arnall '35** of Newnan, on May 22, 2008.

Sue Ann Savage Truitt '63 of Lexington, KY, on the death of her mother, Dorothy Savage, on April 25, 2008.

Mary Jane McCarren Brantley '65 of Sarasota, FL, on the death of her mother, **Hellen Buchanan Goepf McCarren '26**, on March 1, 2008.

Sally Bone Fay '65 of Panama City, FL, on the death of her mother, Sara Bone, on June 2, 2008, who was also the grandmother of **Susan Fay Flowers '89** of Bradenton, FL.

Sharon Smith Pizzo '65 of Tampa, FL, on the death of her father, B.G. Smith, on August 8, 2008. Mr. Smith served as a Wesleyan trustee for more than 15 years, and was founder and charter president of the Wesleyan College Parent's Organization.

Alexis Xides Bighley '67 of Maplewood, MN, on the death of her mother, Diana Maravelas Xides Baca, on July 17, 2008.

Judy Hopkins Jacobs '67 of Summerville, SC, on the death of her brother, Mark "Arvid" Hopkins, on March 29, 2008.

Kathleen "Kathi" Neal '67 of Atlanta, on the death of her husband, James Lutz, on November 28, 2007.

Betsy Dasher '69 of Atlanta, on the death of her mother, Mervyn Singletary Dasher of Macon, on September 3, 2008.

Kathy Arnold Hale '70 of Macon, on the death of her brother, Steve Arnold, on May 23, 2008. Steve was also the cousin of Wesleyan President **Ruth A. Knox '75**.

Carol Bacon Kelso '73 of Thomasville, GA, and **Anna Kelso Pettis '06** of Centerville, GA, on the death of Carol's brother and Anna's uncle, Richard John "Rick" Bacon, on March 15, 2008.

Mary Griffin Conner '74 of Rome, GA, on the death of her mother, **Betty Anne Smith Griffin '46** of Conway, SC, on June 8, 2008.

Margaret Strickland Lovein '75 of Macon, on the death of her husband, Cecil Lane Lovein, on June 2, 2008. Lane was the son-in-law of former Wesleyan President, Dr. Earl Strickland of Macon.

Beth Holliman Boswell '77 of Winston Salem, NC, and **Nancy Williams Holliman '54**, on the death of Beth's son, and Nancy's grandson, Matthew Boswell.

Kimberly "Kym" Richards Denmark '78 of Loganville, GA, on the death of her father, George Richards, on March 18, 2008.

Sara Jane Overstreet '78 of Griffin, GA, on the death of her mother, Dr. Loreen Overstreet, in January 2008.

Sally Anderson Hemingway '79 of Macon, on the death of her father, Acton Anderson of Macon, on March 31, 2008.

Laura Taylor Pridemore '87, M.D., of Charlotte, NC, on the death of her father, William Eli Taylor, M.D., of Tennille, GA, on June 29, 2008.

Terri Castruccio Hurst '90 of Lilburn, GA, on the death of her mother, Penny Castruccio, on February 19, 2008.

Hope Hahn Shields '91 of Macon, on the death of her infant son, James Robert "Bobby" Shields, on March 5, 2008, who was named for Hope's father.

Sue McMaster Sanda '97 of Macon, on the death of her mother, **Edith Chappell McMaster '42** of Tennille, GA, on September 11, 2008.

Sandra Hunt Gardner '98 of Macon, on the death of her father, Neil James Hunt of Albuquerque, NM, on December 4, 2007.

Bria Andrew '02 of Macon, on the death of her mother, Peggy Diane Touchton Andrew of Moultrie, GA, on May 25, 2008.

Births and Family Additions

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends congratulations to:

Lisa Foster-Morrow '90 and Kirk of Fletcher, NC, on the birth of a son, Grayson Andrew Heath Morrow, on January 30, 2007.

Melissa Malone Constable '91 and Chris of Pawleys Island, SC, on the birth of twin boys, Colby Allan Constable and Connor Robert Constable, on February 22, 2008. Grandmother **Nedra Martin Malone '65** of Macon is thrilled.

Cyndey Costello Busbee '92 and Brad of Macon, on the birth of a daughter, Loudon Marie Busbee, on July 27, 2008. Big brother Jesse (7) and sister Merritt (4) are very excited!

Julie Payne Alligood '92 and Jeff of Dublin, GA, on the birth of a daughter, Madeline Grace Alligood, on July 30, 2008. Katie-Rose is a proud big sister.

Erin Sammons Sima '95 and Radim of Alpharetta, GA, on the birth of a daughter, Payton Lily Sima, on July 24, 2007.

Stacey Johnson Stone '95 and David of Huntsville, AL, on the birth of a son, Cameron Thomas Stone, on March 13, 2008.

Melinda Caspers Thompson '98 and Danny of Helena, AL, on the birth of a son, Sean Charles Thompson, on August 1, 2007.

Carrie Walker Dumm '99 and Joe of Senoia, GA, on the birth of twins, Timothy James "TJ" and Allyson Morgan Dumm, on March 8, 2007.

Amanda Marine Evans '99 and Michael of Suwanee, GA, on the birth of a daughter, Lily Claire, on September 7, 2007.

Danielle Fleming Fanning '99 and Bernie of Macon, on the birth of a son, David Joseph Allen Fanning, on July 10, 2008. Big brother Alec (11) is delighted!

Abbie Smoak Lacienski '01 and Chris of Statesboro, GA, on the birth of their first child, Ada Corine Lacienski, on August 13, 2008.

Andrea Morgan Mendez '01 and David of Covington, GA, on the birth of a son, Daniel Eliot Mendez, on March 10, 2008. He joins his big brother, David Jr.

Marriages

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends congratulations to:

Martha Eloise Carter '58 of Clemson, SC, who married Dr. Hallman Bell Bryant.

Diana Jones (Fuller) '80 of Macon, who married Michael Williams on May 18, 2007, at Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church in Savannah.

Amy Potter '90 of Atlanta, who married Ed Brown on April 12, 2008, in New York.

Katie Compain '91 of Troutman, NC, who married Tom Cannon on July 19, 2008, in a riverside ceremony outside of Asheville, NC.

Monica Santamaria '96 of Greenacres, FL, who married Edgar Ardila on April 22, 2007.

Susan Horton '95 of Villa Rica, GA, who married Rick Secord in March of 2007.

Maris Williams '97 of Fort Mill, SC, who married Jason G. Cripps on August 2, 2008, in Tega Cay, SC.

Lareine Danforth '00 of Winston-Salem, NC, who married Tom Joel Archer on January 19, 2008, on St. George Island, FL.

Andrienne Cooper-Jones '01 of Thomaston, GA, who married Reverend Hudson Avery, Jr. on July 6, 2008, in Waynesboro, GA.

Chenny Gan '02 of Los Angeles, CA, who married Ernst Takcas on August 8, 2008. Rev. William H. Hurdle performed the ceremony.

Elizabeth Milam '02 (MA) of Macon, who married Jonas Gabriel Dobkins on June 7, 2008.

Beth Williford '02 of Lafayette, IN, who married Juan Pablo Ruiz Jara on November 10, 2007, in Baños, Ecuador.

Abbie Brannon '03 of Cedar Rapids, IA, who married Dorsey Covenah on October 27, 2007, in Dallas, TX.

Tara Hatfield '04, of Gordon, GA, who married Brian T. Crooms of Gordon, GA, on June 2, 2007.

Katie Murphy '05 of Bluffton, SC, who married Patrick Thompson on April 12, 2008, in Brunswick, GA.

Nyasha Guramatunhu '06 of Spokane, WA, who married Capt. Gary Lee Cooper on May 26, 2006.

Lauren Holliday '07 of Lizella, GA, who married Troy Daniel Mann on June 7, 2008, at Mikado Baptist Church in Macon.

In Memoriam

1926 Hellen Buchanan Goepp McCarren

1930 Margaret Garnett Harris
Josephine Humphries Jones

1932 Beth Tyler Coker
Harriet Fiske Maguire

1933 Ruth Walker Nicholson

1934 Mary Jean Chapman Curry
Martha Gaines Cash Smith

1935 Louise Caldwell Arnall
Angela Anderson Criswell
Eulalia Miller Thomas

1937 Katherine Bailey Frazer
Margaret Odom Rader

1939 Molly Respass Springfield

1940 Ruth Nichols Alfieri

1941 Winnett Turner Holt

1942 Jacqueline Vickers Davis
Edith Chappell McMaster
Dorothy Pope Richter
Edna Earle Todd Sterrett

1944 Margaret Vivian Wilson

1946 Dorothy Belle Barge Eros
Kathleen Smith Gilbert
Betty Anne Smith Griffin

1947 Caroline Ashley
Eleanor Hawk Seng

1948 Betty Sue Brannen McDougald

1949 Kate Haywood Robinson

1951 Ann Driskell Kirkland

1952 Frances Dixon Bond Turquette
Delma Findlay Watson

1953 Joanne Stiefel Eubanks
Elizabeth "Betty" Wade Howard

1954 Elaine Halley Findlay
Janie Colleen Heath O'Connor

1956 Linda Stoner Winslett

1957 Virginia "Ginny" Dodd Lane
Joyce Prater Miller

1958 Anne L. Nalls M.D.

1964 Susan Fleming
Billie Hill Kays

1965 Sara Anne Williams Stephens

1966 Barbara Daniels Huggins

1967 Sharon Cox Bland
Gail Palmer Figa



1928 (80th Reunion)

A Great Green Knight. At age 101, Annie Mays Larmore '28 of Atlanta continues to attend every Alumnae Weekend and this year was no exception. Celebrating 80 years of Wesleyan sisterhood with longtime Wesleyan friend, Mary Lester Brooks '29 (age 100), Annie enjoyed the annual Golden Belles Luncheon, where she was recognized as the oldest alumna in attendance. A staunch supporter of the Annual Fund, Annie is proud to have participated in every major fund campaign since graduating from the College.

1930s

Atlanta resident **Grace Hendricks Peterson '30** says that her daughter, **Nancy Peterson Shaw '58**, enjoyed her Golden Belle reunion in April. "Nancy proudly displayed the pictures and packet of information from my (Class of 1930's) 50th reunion for her Class of '58 members to see," writes Grace.

Charmian Stuart Thomson '34 of Omaha, NE, gifted the College with some very old copies of *The Wesleyan Alumnae* magazine. They will make wonderful additions to the Wesleyan archives. Charmian is widowed and lives comfortably at Immanuel Lakeside Assisted Living. She swims daily in the lap pool and enjoys her e-mail and new HD-TV.

▲ 1938 (70th Reunion)

"I am happily enjoying my three precious great granddaughters, and now have my first great grandson (4th great grandchild) William James Lyons, who was born in July," reports **Dorothy DuPuis Mackin '38** of Silver Springs, MD. Although her great grandson has health problems and is still in the hospital, Dot and her family continue to pray for his homecoming.

1940s

Mary Coolidge Cissna '40 of Pass Christian, MS, is back in her home again after it received extensive damage from Hurricane Katrina.

Marjorie Potts Durden '40 has settled into life in Alpharetta, GA, where she lives at Dogwood Forest, an assisted living complex. She wants to thank all of her friends for their expressions of love during the past three years as she experienced health issues. Marjorie is thankful for feeling good again, and is especially grateful for her power chair and new computer.

Mary Frances Torbert Tilley '40 lives in Sarasota, FL. She is a retired graphic designer from New York, NY.

"Wesleyan was a powerful force in my life because of the teachers I had there and the students who inspired me. I am honored to have been an alumnae award recipient. As I look back, I give thanks for the Conservatory, the City of Macon, and everyone at Wesleyan," notes **Rev. Eleanor Shelton Morrison '41** from her home in Okemos, MI.

Bettye Withers Barnes '42 and husband Ben celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on April 2, 2008, with 26 family members in Savannah. Their four daughters, ten grandchildren, and great grandchildren not only helped the couple with festivities but also helped them move from their home to a large cottage in a retirement community in May. Ben is an expert woodworker and many of the children received special pieces of his furniture. Grateful that they could share family possessions with their children in present time, Bettye and Ben look forward to enjoying the future in their new surroundings.

Alice Burrowes Ritter '42 of Rochester, NY, writes, "We are settled in a retirement village - as are all my classmates I think, except for **Virginia Broome Waterer '42**, who is still in her own home! Can't believe all of us crazy girls of '42 are old ladies now - but under the grey hair the spirit and love of Wesleyan still burn brightly. I feel very blessed. Fred and I will celebrate our 62nd anniversary in June."

▲ 1943 (65th Reunion)

They have been "Golden Girls" for 65 years and this year was no exception for members of the Golden Heart Class of 1943 who celebrated reunion in April. Class President and Reunion Chair **Angela Wilkerson O'Kelley** left instructions for classmates on Friday and Saturday night to "See you at the Hotel," and classmates responded by sharing two class party nights of special memories with each other. **Sarah Ann White** served as class liaison. She and

Mary Belle Gardner Quesenberry presented the class gift.

"Our family continues to grow!" reports **Mary Timmerman Geeslin-Warfel '43** of Longboat Key, FL. "We now have nine great grandchildren: Noah, Alyea, Khalid, Malik, Isabella, Alex, Taylor, Eva Marie, and Jacob. My memories of Wesleyan are sweet!"

Congratulations to **Frances "Shorty" Sanders Richter '44** of Atlanta, who had a great 85th birthday party. "My whole family came and we had a beautiful day together."

Sara Griffin James '45 of Jesup, GA, writes, "My granddaughter, Lauren, (19) died March 25th. She was the daughter of my daughter, Stacy James Harris. Stacy has two sons: Christopher, a senior at Wayne County High School and Zachary, an Emory University graduate, who entered law school this fall. My husband, Thomas, who has been very active in our community, celebrated his 90th birthday in June with friends and family (about 250) attending the party." (See *Sympathy*.)

Margaret Boyett Arnold '46 of Blakely, GA, remembers her WESLEYAN FIRST. She was the first woman in her church, Blakely First United Methodist Church, to serve as an official delegate to the South Georgia Annual Conference in 1994 and 1995. Margaret was a lay member of the South Georgia Annual Conference.

Jean Pim Kinsman '46 is 83 this year and says she enjoys life at Campbell Stone Apartments in Atlanta. "I still keep up with classmates and I brought **Annie Mays Larmore '28**, who is 101, to Alumnae Day!"

From Washington DC, **Margaret "Peggy" Halliburton Pickard '46** says "Washington is as exciting as ever with endless events, celebrations, politicking, and interesting people from the whole world. I stay involved with many interests - writing, editing, gardening, friends, and family. I lost my husband, Sam Pickard, one year ago, so my life is different - but extremely full of

wonderful experiences and marvelous people." (See *Sympathy*.)

Clifton Wight Quinly '46 just moved into Westminster Oaks, an active retirement community in Tallahassee, FL, to simplify her life!

From Cartersville, GA, **Mary Wofford Morris '47** reports that she and her husband, Jim, have seven great grandsons - NOT a one named Morris!

"I've moved to my daughter's house in Rocky Mount, NC, (right around the block) and I've added a suite for myself," writes **Toni Smith Suiter '47**. "We are having fun. She's an R.N., works nights, and sleeps in the day. I play in the day and sleep at night. I have had numerous surgeries, but from the waist up I'm in good shape."

▲ 1948 (60th Reunion) green

Reunion Co-chairs **Annie Anderson Jones** and **Jane Mobley Dickey** set the stage for a great homecoming for members of the Class of 1948, who returned to campus in record numbers to celebrate 60 years of sisterhood. Reunion committee members **Corky Dessau Holliday**, **Christine Nicholas**, and **Anne Whipple Murphey** helped College and Conservatory Classmates to enjoy "memories and more" throughout the weekend, especially at the special class party held at Idle Hour Country Club. **Polly Phelps Deck** served as class liaison.

"I'm sorry I could not attend our 60th reunion. I was thinking of you all," writes **Margaret "Bootsie" McWilliams Goforth '48** from Charlotte, NC.

Betty Tillman Hodges '48 lives in Statesboro, GA, and has frequent contact with local Wesleyan friends: **Helen Proctor Watson '46**, **Nona Hodges Foster '48**, **Virginia Rushing Trapnell '46**, **Virginia Durden Toole '48**, **Meredith Young Rogers '60**, and **Laura Margaret Brady Godbee '46**. Betty is saddened by the death of classmate **Betty Brannen McDougald '48** who, with husband Don, used to visit her from Black Mountain, NC.

1933 (75th Reunion)

Proud Pirate. Suelle McKellar Swartz '33 enjoyed being on campus to attend Alumnae Weekend with her daughter, Suelle Marie Swartz '67. Among her many relatives who graduated from Wesleyan are her mother, Anna Belle McCrory McKellar, 1910, her grandmother, Susie Adele Berry McCrory, 1885, and her sister, Addie Rie McKellar Baird '39. Her father, I. E. McKellar, taught Latin and Greek at Wesleyan for 28 years. Suelle graduated magna cum laude with majors in Chemistry, Latin, and English, and has served on Wesleyan's Board of Trustees. Both Suelles divide their time between Dacula, GA, and Titusville, FL.



Elizabeth "Liz" Hean Stone '48 and Charles of New Cumberland, PA, enjoyed her 60th reunion in April. "Sorry we don't live closer to Wesleyan, but, we are both still presidents of two organizations and active in many others." After reunion they drove to Milledgeville, GA, to see Liz's family home place. "Since my last trip down, all three plantation houses are gone at Dennis Station and pine trees cover the land and even the dirt roads; one plantation is under Lake Sinclair!" Back home in PA, the Stones are thrilled that their children live close by - across the street, five blocks away, or two hours to Princeton, NJ, which, Liz says, "adds dimension to life." Liz's daughter, Lisa Barron Stone '82 is a 5th generation Wesleyanne and lawyer (family law and arbitration). She and her husband have one son. Liz owns a tour business, and she and Charles have traveled to 90 countries over the years. Liz served as an alumna hostess for the 2008 Leadership Institute reception at The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, where she enjoyed visiting with Lois Goldman Cowan '45 and her husband, Marvin.

Wayne Aiken Burdell '49 of Decatur, GA, enjoys seeing her longtime Wesleyan friends, known as the "lunch bunch" every first Thursday of the month.

Elizabeth "Libba" Pittman Claiborne '49 of Brownsville, TN, recently enjoyed a visit from Francina Brock Kern '49, who lives in Clearwater, FL. "We revisited the house Francina grew up in located in Bemis, TN. It is now a part of Jackson, where she graduated from high school. Francina had not been there in over 50 years, so it was fun taking her back," says Elizabeth.

"My husband and I stay busy attending baseball, softball, soccer, and basketball games in which our grandchildren are involved. Our grandson, John Michael Hall (Drake University) played in the NCAA basketball championship but lost by

2 points in overtime," reports Nadine Cranmer Read '49 from Marietta, GA. Nadine celebrated her 80th birthday on July 28. The party, given by her daughters, included family and bridge friends. Her husband, sons, and 17 grandchildren enjoyed looking at a special scrapbook created for her by one of her granddaughters. Details of the event were reported in the *Marietta Daily Journal* by columnist Sally Bargo Litchfield '82, who noted that in 1949 Nadine was selected Wesleyan College Beauty.

Elizabeth "Libba" Cook Smith '49 of Statesboro, GA, writes, "Several Wesleyannes live in Statesboro and we see each other often: Helen Proctor Watson '46, Virginia Rushing Trappnell '46, Betty Tillman Hodges '46, Laura Margaret Brady Godbee '46, and Nona Hodges Foster '48 - all exemplary citizens!" Libba will miss visits from Betty Sue Brannen McDougald '48, who died this past June.

Martha Barrett Woodard '49 of Charlotte, NC, continues to travel to Athens, GA, to see her son's family and three grandsons. The oldest grandson is a freshman at Georgia Tech.

1950s

Jo Ann Russell Campbell '50 of Lilburn, GA, wrote to extend sympathy to her classmate, Graziella Carlier de Dabrun '50, on the death of Graziella's son, Etienne, in December 2007. He died of lymphoma at age 41. (See *Sympathy*.)

Louise Cochran Mayfield '50 of Clarksville, TN, notes that when the Tennessee Senior Olympics were held in Clarksville, Ed and Julee Struby Burke '47 from Bristol, TN, would come to participate. "Ed taught physics, as did my husband, Mel, so we enjoyed visiting and still exchange greetings throughout the years. Mel and I have been married for 58 years. We expect another grandchild in November,

whose parents are our son, Nash, and his wife, Jenny. Nash is chairman of the department of English at Mt. DeSales Academy in Macon," writes Louise.

"I am retired from nursing and fill many days with volunteer work at church and the hospital. I have four grandchildren - two girls (21 and 14) in Houston, TX, and two boys, (15 and 16) in Charlotte, NC. Hello to my classmates," says Martha Hayes Blackwell '51 from Stone Mountain, GA.

A note from LaVonne "Mina" Collins Jolley '51 says that she is the current president of the Chattanooga Branch, English Speaking Union, as well as journal editor for the Chattanooga Area Historical Association. With eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren, Mina stays busy.

Sidney Ford Tatom '51 still lives at the same address in Punta Gorda, FL, where she enjoys her house, yard, and community. She is regent of the Charlotte Bay Chapter, NSDAR, and serves as conservation chairman of Florida DAR. She also chairs the Charlotte County master gardener education committee, and is on the board of the Lifelong Learning Institute at Edison College, where she chairs a lively book club. Sidney visits daughter Sarah Myers and her family in Maplewood, MN, as often as possible. Daughter Nancy Tatom lives nearby and granddaughter Rachel Touchstone will soon be a senior at Rhodes College, where she was elected to Mortar Board.

"I lost my only daughter, Allison Adams Hatton. She died at Hospice of the Golden Isles, Brunswick, on March 22, 2008, at age 44. Allison was the perennial cheerful soul in spite of dreadful illness. I know she has found a niche in heaven. Most of our class knew how ill she was. I thank those who did know and wrote to me. My 16 year-old granddaughter, Lindsay Hatton, now lives with me and is a junior at Glynn Academy. Look us up if you come to the beach. I hope GKs of '52 that life is treating you well, as we gripe and groan

in our late seventies. Wow! My best," reports Jody Mann Adams '52 from St. Simons Island, GA. (See *Sympathy*.)

"I sold my home in Memphis, TN, and moved to Jakin, GA, in June '07 to live with my older sister," notes Beverly Harvey Hartman '52.

▲ 1953 (55th Reunion)

Celebrating 55 years of sisterhood, members of the Pirate Class of 1953 gathered for a weekend "on shore" at Wesleyan. Mary Joe Cawley McGee and Madge Hill Sidwell put out the call for pirates to return to reunion, and return they did - with help from committee members Frances Bruce Van Horn, Betty Wade Howard, and Susan Thigpen McDuffie. Susan also hosted the class party in her home and performed at Saturday's *Strawberry Breakfast*, to the delight of classmates. Mary Joe also served as class liaison and presented the class gift.

Claire Houser-Dodd '53 of Fort Valley, GA, writes that her Hawaiian themed Malibu Maui Salon in Byron is doing nicely. Sadly, Claire's husband died in August. (See *Sympathy*.)

"Our wonderful roommate, Betty Wade Howard '53 of Macon, died after a brief illness - just days after the Class of 1953 celebrated its 55th reunion. We all loved her and will miss her," writes Helen Blackmarr Outler '53 from Murrayville, GA.

Betty Smith Jennings '53, and husband Robert of Gainesville, GA, miss their son, Dr. Robert Mansfield Jennings, Jr., who died last spring. Bob was a graduate of Duke University and the University of Virginia Medical School. He was a noted orthopaedic surgeon and medical consultant for the Atlanta Falcons, and served as team physician for area high schools and colleges. (See *Sympathy*.)

Maconite Susan Thigpen McDuffie '53 reports, "Bill and I have four children, eight grandchildren, and one great grandson. Daughter Kathy recently



1938 (70th Reunion) purple

The power of one. Margaret Beaty Ray proudly represents the Class of 1938 at her 70th reunion in April. Back home in Atlanta she recalls being the only member of her PK class to attend Alumnae Weekend but looks forward to sharing campus news with others, including Joe Estes Sherrill '38 and Bobbie Ponder Smith '38 with whom she keeps in touch. Margaret spends summers at her home in Highlands, NC. She writes, "My five children, nine grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren all live in Atlanta and come up often, which is great for me! I lost my husband of 60 years in 2001. I'm still driving myself to the mountains. My health seems to be pretty good and, so far, my mind."

married; Robert is still concertizing as a concert violinist and as executive artistic director of the Rome Chamber Music Festival in Italy, and the Robert McDuffie Center for Strings at Mercer University in Macon; Sherwood is with Sun Trust Bank in Atlanta; and daughter Margery resides in Missoula, MT, with her husband and twin daughters. Margery concertizes as a concert pianist and I've enjoyed performing with her on many occasions. I still serve on the boards of The Macon Symphony and Midsummer Macon, play piano with a jazz and vocal combo, teach 20 piano students, and work as organist/choir director at Vineville Presbyterian Church. It was wonderful being with my classmates at reunion. Everyone looked great!"

Julianne "Julie" Withers Roland '53 of West Palm Beach, FL, says she had a wonderful time at her 55th reunion with members of the Class of 1953.

Jackie Ward Schontzler '53 of Lilburn, GA, writes, "With the deaths of my husband, Bruce, and my older sister and only sibling, **Billie Ward Gaines '49**, the settling of their estates continues. My own little monthly Wesleyan reunions with **Kitty Jones Foster '53**, **Charlotte Theodocion '53**, **Jan Ricketson '53**, and **Jackie Martin '53**, were enjoyed for many years. As diseases and age crept through our group, I am the last of the crowd. In my own little family, Billie's husband and I are the only ones in our generation. We talk each day. My daughter, Charla, has her family in Andalusia, AL. She's bossy about how far her mother may drive alone on her trips. I am missing another reunion the same weekend . . . same boss. If there are any snapshot artists among those talented '53 classmates, I would love to buy a set. Of course, I look forward to the picture in the magazine. My best to each of you."

Caroline Eagerton Upperco '53 has an address update. "After 50 plus years in Arlington, VA, and 37 years in the same house, we decided to move

in June to be closer to our daughter in Wilson, NC. We love the town and our new home."

Kathryn "Kathy" Parsons Willis '53 of Duluth, GA, says she enjoyed her 55th reunion and being on campus in April. Kathy still lives in Duluth, where she works full time at Parsons, the family business in Cumming, GA. She is proud of her six grandchildren.

From her home in DeRidder, LA, **Marcia Mallet Ades '54** remembers her "wonderful, beautiful roommate, **Elaine Halley Findlay '54**, who died in April. Elaine had a massive stroke shortly before our 50th reunion ('04) and never recovered from it."

Due to the success of her historical novel *Sunrise*, some of which is set at Wesleyan, Beller Books has given **Jacquelyn "Jackie" Burton Cook '54** of DeSoto, GA, a contract for another book, *The Gates of Trevalyan*.

Donnie Donaldson Porterfield '54 and husband Joe have retired to their home in Savannah. She writes, "Joe is in the throes of Alzheimer's disease, and I will keep him at home as long as possible. **Carole Coleman Bruley '54** and **Ruth Forehand Miller '54** keep in constant touch. We ask for your prayers."

"I had two brief but enjoyable visits with **Betty Upchurch Hasty '55** - one in her beautiful new home in Scotia Village in Laurinberg, NC, where **Carolyn Gleaton Cox '55** also lives. Leonard and I recently returned to Honduras for a volunteer surgery trip and saw old friends. We have three darling granddaughters (7, 3, and almost 2). Another on the way in August!" reports **Elizabeth "Libby" Truitt Furlow '55** from Gainesville, FL.

Joyce Ann Loudermilk Richards '55 of Marietta, GA, experienced a double loss this year. "My husband, George, died March 18, 2008, and my brother, Ray Loudermilk, died in May. George was the father of **Kimberly Richards Denmark '78** and Ray was Kimberly's uncle. Joyce Ann and

Gerta Paul Erickson '55 attended a lovely luncheon at the home of **Mary Galbreath Smith '55** in Marietta. Mary has recuperated from surgery. All is well for this sweet Wesleyanne, who left Wesleyan to go to Nursing College. She only attended one year," writes Joyce Ann. (See *Sympathy*.)

Sara Stuart Seaborn '55 still lives in Greenville, S.C. "I am married to the same wonderful guy (Clemson Tiger). We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in 2007. We are enjoying our children and grandchildren. Love to all the '55 Golden Hearts!"

"John and I are enjoying this retirement community and getting settled after 50 years in the same house - not an easy move but a good one," writes **Carolyn Sims Brooks '56** from Stone Mountain, GA.

Julie Adams Hawk '57 writes to say that the post office in Hinesville, GA, has a new name. It was designated the J. Sidney Flowers Post Office on Monday, March 31, 2008, in memory of the husband of **Nancy "Nan" McClellan Flowers '57**. "Sid, who died in 2006, was involved in his community and did many philanthropic things anonymously. He served as state representative for Liberty County, where he was a beloved and respected citizen. Of course, I knew him best as Nan's husband and the father of Kay and Darcy. My memories of the summer before Nan and Sid married and the many visits I made to their home are just some of the good times that are precious to me. I'm so glad Nan and her family are able to enjoy such a wonderful tribute to Sid's life. They are so thrilled!" reports Julie.

"I'm sorry I missed the 50th reunion. I have not been well," writes **Sarah Thorp Heath '57** from Floral City, FL. "I had a great letter from my old roomie, **Suzie Rogers McCright '57**."

Louisville, KY, resident **Nancy Howard '57** says that after successful heart bypass surgery in June 2007, she is enjoying vigorous health. "As part of rehab I took up painting and Tai

Chi - fall 2007 was much fun." Nancy accompanied her sister, **Jane Howard Reimunth '58**, to Wesleyan for Jane's 50th reunion in April. Jane lives in Sacramento, CA.

Carla DuBose Kalec '57 of Odessa, FL, is busier than ever. "Since retiring from medical practice, I do ceramics, volunteer at the women's hospital (where I delivered many babies), and also serve on the board of our townhouse association. I am looking forward to our 55th reunion!"

JoAn Bloodworth Nunnally's '57 resides in East Point, GA. She misses her husband, James Stewart Nunnally, who died at home in April as a result of pulmonary fibrosis. Jim enjoyed traveling the world with JoAn and they visited dozens of countries. He also enjoyed planning many trips throughout the states with his children and grandchildren during the summers. (See *Sympathy*.)

Joan Maddox Sammons-Hodges '57 of Atlanta writes, "My daughter, **Erin E. Sammons '95** and her husband, Radim Sima, have a beautiful daughter, born in July 2007. Payton Lily Sima is already committed to Wesleyan Class of 2026. I'm planning to light her candle, too!" (See *Births*.)

▲1958 (50th Reunion)

Kudos to the members of the Class of 1958 who celebrated their 50th reunion in style and with their own live Purple Knight on his Royal Steed, whose surprise appearance on campus was a source of PK pride. Reunion committee members led by **Nina Beth Sheppard Terrell** included **Eleanor Adams Lane**, **Medra Lott Keyser**, **Emily Hardman Dickey**, **Marie Girardeau Russell** and **Clarice Pittman Elder**, who also served as Class Liaison for fund raising. PKs from all over the country returned to campus to attend the Golden Belles luncheon, where **Jean O'Keeffe Fraser** began the weekend with a prayer of thanksgiving for a special homecoming.

1943 (65th Reunion)

Forever Golden. Members of the Class of 1943 and honorary class member Cathy Coxey Snow '71, alumnae director, display their "We've Arrived at 65!" T-shirt, designed especially for GH 65th reunion activities. The group enjoyed the Golden Belles Luncheon, where class president Angela Wilkerson O'Kelley made sure that the weekend started off right by sharing news from classmates who were unable to attend the "golden" festivities. Pictured (left to right): Cathy Snow, Sarah Ann White, Angela O'Kelley, and Mary Belle Gardner Quesenberry.



Grand Marshal **Jane Howard Reinmuth** led the Parade of Classes along with the PK Knight, and **Marie Russell** served as class flag bearer. Classmates enjoyed fellowship and fun at the homes of class party hostesses **Emily Dickey** and **Eleanor Lane** then cheered at the annual meeting for two alumnae award recipients from their class, **Betty Nunn Mori** and **Eleanor Lane**. More applause followed when **Clarice Elder** presented the class gift to the Art Restoration Program to restore several paintings and two large murals, and to endow a 1958 class scholarship. Alumnae Art show participants, **Clarice Elder**, **Temple Wilson Ellis**, **Bee Seckinger Epley**, and **Sue Davis Reynolds** received rave reviews from classmates and other Wesleyanians. On Sunday, purple memorial balloons were released for each known deceased classmate at *Morning Watch*, chaired by **Julia Stillwell Ketcham**, all of which provided a meaningful closing to the "one moment in time" weekend.

It's still a small Wesleyan world! **Luleen Sandefur Anderson '58** was surprised and delighted to meet up with former Wesleyan classmate **Barbara Hendricks Egan '58** (who transferred to FSU after her freshman year) while on speaking tour in Cody, WY. "My hostess and friend in Cody is a friend of Barb's and when she told Barb I was coming, Barb recognized my name. Barb invited me to her magnificent home for a dinner party while I was there. She is very active in the community and in the state. She serves on the Foundation Board of the Episcopal Church (state level), and is active in the Cody Episcopal Church and its outreach programs. She is also a gourd artist, with her beautiful work being exhibited at the Gallery of Light in Cody. We had such a good time together, and she remembered fondly her freshman year and all the people she came to admire" writes Luleen.

Medra Lott Keyser '58 of Fernandina Beach, FL, is proud of

grandson Braden Wallace who, at 21, was named regional lightweight boxing champion in February '08. Braden secured a spot in the U.S. Future Boxing Stars National Finals in Colorado Springs in March. His career record is an amazing 15-6.

Senator Nancy Smith Schaefer '58 of Clarkesville, GA, has stayed busy as a Georgia state senator for District 50. Nancy has a number of WESLEYAN FIRSTS to her credit that include being the first woman candidate for Governor of Georgia in 1998 and the first woman trustee to serve on the board of Toccoa Falls College. She was the Republican nominee for Lieutenant Governor of Georgia in 1994 and was elected to the Georgia State Senate from the 50th District in 2004. A former first vice president of the Georgia Baptist Convention, she is a frequent speaker to churches of all denominations, to civic and political organizations, and is a frequent guest on radio and television programs. Nancy and her husband, Bruce, are members of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Toccoa. They have four sons, one daughter, and 13 grandchildren.

Gloria Barwick Szokoly '58 of Cumming, GA, appeared in *Steel Magnolias* at the Holly Theatre in Dahlonega, GA, in September. Also in September, she won the 2008 Metropolitan Atlanta Theatre Award for Best Leading Actress in a Play. Congratulations, Gloria!

1960s

Sandra Dew Graves '60 is excited about getting a new grandchild from the Ukraine. "He is 15. They (children) are turned out on the street when they become 16. We are getting him out just in time. We continue our prison ministry," writes Sandra.

Patricia "Patty" Shriver Mancuso '60 of Littleton, CO, is a grandmother! Her first grandchild, Marin Kathryn Mancuso, was born on March 20, 2008, to son Louis and his wife, Caroline.

Tena Roberts '60 has a WESLEYAN FIRST. Governor Sonny Purdue has appointed Tena to the State Board of Certification of Librarians. She is the first Wesleyan alumna to serve on the board. The board reviews applicants for certification and renewal of librarians in the state of Georgia. Tena also serves as chair of the board of trustees of the Middle Georgia Regional Library.

Virginia "Ginger" Sumerford York, Ph.D. '60 of Panama City, FL, enjoyed a summer visit from son Pollard and his family, who live in England. They all gathered for fun times in Gulf Shores, AL, Panama City, and Frisco, CO. Our thanks to Ginger, who served as an alumna trustee on the alumnae association's board of managers.

Juliana "Jukie" Hardeman Caldwell '61 and Bill live in Cape Coral, FL, where they are doing well and have been reconstructing their back yard. "We are blessed to live on a large salt water basin, where we catch delicious blue crabs and enjoy gorgeous sunrises. We even had a delightful one dolphin show. The fellow had come into our basin via a canal connected with the Gulf. We also completed an arbor and a space for outside cooking done in pavers by the Rev. He amazes me with his energy level. It is hard to believe he was 77 and I was 69 on April 19. (Yep, we have the same birthday!) Where have the years gone?"

Andrea Morris Gruhl '61 of Columbia, MD, was elected to a second two-year term as vice president, League of Women Voters of the National Capital Area. She is also the incoming vice president and secretary of the United Nations Association of the National Capital Area. In addition, Andrea finds time to serve as the Lutheran Coordinator for Prime Time Society, which holds program meetings for seniors in her Lutheran church and in the neighboring Episcopal church. In June, she and husband Werner went to Vancouver, Canada, for a week, then flew to Anchorage, Alaska, for a 15 day

land/sea tour of Alaska and Canada's Yukon followed by a cruise of Glacier Bay and the Inner Passage.

Linda Vogel Pfleger '61 of Lorida, FL, shares good news about her husband, Jim, who came through his surgery with flying colors. "Everything went perfect. Thanks to everyone for their thoughts and prayers. It worked! Love to all."

Emma Lou Keaton Franklin '62 lives in Statesboro, GA. She is proud of her son (32), who is a missionary with Marine Reach - YWAM. Now in Europe, he spent the first two years in South America. He invites anyone interested in a mission trip to contact him on his website: www.MarineReach.info.

"In April, Gene and I had the privilege of staying at the wonderful 'Garden House B&B' owned by Doug and Rhoda Morrison Joyner '62. We were celebrating our 50th anniversary from Decatur High School. What fun we had," writes **Carol Ann Rollins Harrison '62** from Blairsville, GA.

According to **Marybelle Proctor Menzel '62** of Littleton, CO, she and her suitemates alternate hosting annual reunions. "Charlotte Jolly Hale '62, Rhoda Morrison Joyner '62, Dottie Rhoden Bailey Hicks '62 and I made a pact in 1992 to do this every year, and it has been meaningful and fun. Dottie hosted in March." Marybelle and Charlotte also look forward to the alumnae association's *Italian Masterpieces* tour to Italy in November.

Sue Summerhill O'Kelley '62 has moved to Dunwoody, GA, where her husband, Steve, is teaching again at Mercer's Atlanta campus.

"My joyful work is taking care of my 17-month-old grandson, Lucas, five days a week. How wonderful is the rich communication of signing together with audible speaking! He is a fine little teacher for his family and amazed friends," writes **LaTrelle Blackburn Oliver '62** from Oxford, GA.



Class of 1948 60th reunion

(L to R) **Row 1:** Polly Phelps Deck, Jean Cowart Fleming, Kathy Thomasson Malone, Rhett Jenkins Smith, Corky Dessau Holliday. **Row 2:** Liz Hean Stone, Annie Anderson Jones, Jane Mobley Dickey, Rose Crockett McRae, Anice Willcox McArthur, Rosaline Gilmore Burt.

Tonnie Austin Paige Rushing '62 lives in Hartwell, GA, and has very fond memories of her days at Wesleyan.

"My husband and I spent a delightful evening with **Julianne 'Julie' Snelling Blanks '62** and her husband, Ross, in Christchurch, New Zealand, this spring," writes **Harriet Holland Schmitt '62** from Kailua-Kona, HI.

▲ 1963 (45th Reunion)

With 45 years of memories to share, Golden Hearts from the Class of 1963 took advantage of every minute to "catch up" during Alumnae Weekend. Class President, Reunion Chair and Class Liaison **Karen Connor Shockley** made sure GHs had a fun-filled and memorable weekend. **Lynda Brinks Pfeiffer** and Karen presented the class gift at the annual meeting.

Cecilia McDaniel Brock '63 of Florence, KY, sends an update. "I am a retired teacher and live in Florence, KY. Daughter Rebekah lives in Florence and has two daughters: Cathryn (10) and Caroline (9). Don, Jr., lives in Dahlonga, GA, and has two children: Don, III (8) and Isabella Mae (5). Michael lives in Bluffton, SC, and has two sons: Michael Noah (7) and John 'Jack' Hartley (3)." Cecilia earned two graduate degrees: a M.C.E. from Emory University in 1965, and an M.A. in commercial journalism from Murray State University (KY) in 1987.

Peggy Craig Bryant '63 realized a lifelong dream in January 2008 when she visited Israel. Back home in Cumming, GA, she has retired from teaching but still substitutes.

"In May 2007, I retired as activities director of Carestone at Mt. Zion, an assisted living community. I enjoy volunteering with various groups in Henry County and marketing (part time!) with Home Helpers. We have four grandchildren in Atlanta: Jackson (4), Anne Clark (2½), Olivia (15 months), and Lanier 7 months. Such joy!" notes **Helen Gnann Byars '63** of McDonough, GA.

Mary Jean Campbell '63 of Brunswick, GA, has a WESLEYAN FIRST. She has the distinction of being the oldest lady to graduate from the CADD program (Coastal GA College Architectural Design) in 2002.

Judy Woodward Gregory '63 of Quincy, FL, is proud of her seven wonderful grandchildren, age 6 and under: Mary Scott, Chapman, Munroe, Harry, Bates, Sarah Wren, and Helen Spain. She writes, "I love living in the Bahamas at the Man-O-War near Marsh Harbour part of the year. I also love living on the family farm, just .3 miles from my mother, **Julia Munroe Woodward '34**, who was 94 in July. I'm thankful for Scott and good health." Judy earned a master's degree in Christian education (Presbyterian School of CE). She also has some WESLEYAN FIRSTS, as the *first* woman elected to an office (Deacon) at First Presbyterian Church in Quincy and *first* woman to chair the Board of Deacons there. Judy is also a Wesleyan Trustee.

Mary Goss Hughes '63 of Auxvasse, MO, was excited to be a delegate to the Missouri State Democratic Convention in May 2008. "My husband and I enjoyed visits in recent months with classmates **Bitsy Wingfield Dick '63**, **Molly Ray Wainwright '63**, and **Lynda Brinks Pfeiffer '63**.

Charlotte Thomas Marshall '63 of Athens, GA, remembers the late **Sara Anne Williams Stephens '65**. "We became friends here in Athens through the Junior Assembly, now Junior League. She succeeded me as president in 1979. Sara Anne was talented, intelligent, capable, generous, and a boon companion."

Tommie Sue Montgomery-Abrahams '63 lives in Canada in New Castle, ON, where she spends retirement traveling and occasionally "working" as an on-board lecturer for Holland-America Cruise ships. She received a Ph.D. in politics from NYU and is the author of four books, that include *Peacekeeping and Democratization in Latin America* (2000) and *O Revolucao Salvadorao*, published in Brazil in 2007.

Alumna Trustee **Virginia Barber Perkins '63** and husband Earle traveled to upstate New York in July to attend the Chautauqua Institution. "This will be our third time to go and we just love it," writes Virginia. Of course the BIG news for the Tallahassee, FL, residents is that they were first time grandparents this past summer. John Earle Perkins V was born on July 29, 2008, to son John and daughter-in-law Christa, who live in Denver, CO.

"Greetings and best wishes to my Golden Heart classmates! I was sorry to miss our reunion, as it surely was fun for all. Ed and I stay busy with church and community activities. We're enjoying retirement!" writes **Rebecca Bullard Powers '63** from Shreveport, LA.

Renate Butler Ryan '63 of Miami, FL, is an interior designer whose projects include homes and condos in the Miami area, New York, and Boston. Daughter Erica (a pre-school teacher) and her husband live in Sebastian, FL, with her three children. Son Keith served in Afghanistan and Iraq and received a Bronze Star and V for Valor from the President. "We were able to attend the special private ceremony in the Oval Office at the White House. Keith's wife commands the U.S.S. *Curts*, which was recently named 'Best Frigate in the Navy,'" writes Renate. Renate earned an M.A. in interior design from Harvard University and has several WESLEYAN FIRSTS, including being selected to be among the *first* 25 women to enter Harvard University's masters program in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. She was also the *first* woman to be elected president of the board of directors of the Dranoff International Two Piano Competition, and was the *first* woman to be admitted to the Men's Opera Guild of Miami.

In Columbia, SC, **Ann Ewing Shumaker '63** is enjoying her two granddaughters: Amanda (9) and Sarah (6). Daughter Elizabeth is teaching at Cairo Middle School as a 6th L.D. inclusion teacher. After teaching for 38 years, Ann has retired. She earned a

master's degree from the University of South Carolina in 1972.

"I retired from teaching (30 years) in Dekalb County. I enjoy volunteering and spending time at Lake Lanier - with or without its water," writes **Joyce Brandon Starr '63** of Atlanta.

She's been retired since 2004 and **Sally Irwin Williams '63** of Simpsonville, SC, says she enjoys traveling, spending time with family and friends, and not getting up at 5 a.m. "My husband retired early from General Electric and is self-employed. Now I am his 'worthy assistant,' as needed."

Catherine Astin Armstrong '64 has published an important historic biography, *William Marshal, Earl of Pembroke*, after twelve years of research. It will soon be available to college and university libraries online. She has compiled an extensive genealogy for the book. Catherine was invited to present her work during the 800th anniversary of the establishment of County Ross in Ireland and prepared a special edition for the library there. She also has monographs in the French Archives on several significant historic figures from the 12th century. This biography includes several discoveries not found in any extant work on William Marshal. It is an excellent source for English and Irish medieval history for the years 1100 to 1245 and an aid for anyone interested in genealogical research.

Lorinda Lou Beller '64 of Staten Island, NY, had a wonderful ski trip to Colorado in March 2008. "**Kelley Southerland '92** came from Denver to ski with us for a couple days. She looks great and has just opened her OWN law firm," says Lou. Lou also served as an alumna hostess for the 2008 Leadership Institute reception in New York.

Glenda Barrett Bull '64 says she loves being a grandmother. Recently she enjoyed meeting **Loutricia Carter Stephens '64** and her husband, Johnny, in Greenwood, SC. Glenda's son and daughter-in-law, Barry and Shannon Bull, were selected as 2007 outstanding young alumni of Brewton-Parker

Class of 1953 55th reunion

(L to R) **Row 1:** Edwina Hall Beall, Betty Wade Howard, Kathy Parsons Willis, Judy Cline Godwin. **Row 2:** Grace Maxwell Sparrow, Anne McMaster Jackson, Helen Blackmarr Outler, Mary Joe Cawley McGee, Betty Banks Jarrell Oetjen, Gerry Dixon Eddy. **Row 3:** Gary Still Suters, Frances Bruce Van Horn, Susan Thigpen McDuffie, Julie Withers Roland, Ann Harrell Saunders.



College. Glenna looks forward to attending her reunion in 2009.

Gail Smith Hoff '64 of Stuart, FL, has a new grandson. Nicholas George Shaul was born on April 28, 2008. Big brother, Nathan Armstrong Shaul (3), is delighted.

"In March we moved to a new condo development after living on Elaine Way for 40 years. We enjoy our new home. Our grandchildren are now 15, 14, and two 8-year-olds (cousins). What a joy watching them grow into such fine young folks. We are truly blessed!" notes **Judy McConnell Jolly '64** from Dalton, GA.

"Although I retired as full-time medical social worker in 2006, I still work 2-3 days a week in several hospitals 'PRN' or as needed. I just completed a two-year training in Spiritual Direction. Husband Alan is retired and we love to travel. We have three adult children – one in Dallas, TX; one in Lafayette, LA; and one in Rockford, IL, with my one grandson. Love to get Wesleyan news!" says **Virginia 'Ginny' Bowen Maier '64** of Lafayette, LA.

"Since retiring from teaching kindergarten for 30 years, I have been on trips to Great Britain and Russia. Enjoyed a trip to Spain, Portugal, and Morocco in March 2008," writes **Suzanne Whidden Pennington '64**, who lives in Lakeland, FL.

Columbus, GA, resident **Emma Jo Jones Ploeger '64** has retired from a career in real estate. "I am traveling the world and enjoying my adventure with my two grandsons - Whit and Thomas Young. These boys are also the grandsons of **Pam Watkins Young '64**. Little did I know that when I arranged a blind date between Pam and Andrew Whitaker Young that Pam would marry Andy, and their first born son (Richard) would marry my only child (Allison)! Our past actions most definitely come back to affect us! I am most blessed. Of course all of this heritage is due to my year spent at Wesleyan!"

Judy Kuhn Schlichter '64 reports that her youngest son, Schuyler, USMA

(West Point 2006) is serving in Iraq as a platoon leader. "We had a wonderful visit with him in Germany over Christmas. He and his bride, Tamara, joined us on quick trips to Paris and Brussels. Saying goodbye was a little emotional but everyone assured me I did not make a fool of myself!"

It's still a small Wesleyan world. While visiting her aunt in Sanford, FL, in February 2008, **Margaret Mannheim Sease '64** of Saluda, NC, saw **Fran Strickland Masse '64** (who lives in Lake Mary, FL), for the first time since 1962! Fran is still beautiful," writes Margaret.

"Go Green Knights!" cheers **Nancy Galm Strickland '64** from Jacksonville, FL.

Dale Keyser Clark Farran, Ph.D. '65 of Nashville, TN, professor of education and psychology at Vanderbilt University, has been awarded the Alexander Heard Distinguished Service Professor Award for distinctive contributions to the understanding of problems of contemporary society. Dale's passion is improving early childhood education with a focus on issues of poverty and disabilities, and their effects on the development of young children. A former director of The Susan Grey School for five years, Dale was named professor of the year by the Mayor's Advisory Council on Disabilities. She also coordinated and led the Tennessee Pre-K Summer Institute. Currently, she is co-evaluating a preschool math curriculum implemented in metro Nashville public schools.

Peggy Shoemaker Gordon '65 lives in Weaverville, NC. Her older son, Stacy, and his wife, Carolyn, live in Franklin, TN, and have five children. The oldest, Stasia (15), wants to be a missionary. Stasia was selected to go on her first mission trip to SE Asia this past summer!

Carole Jones Graham '65 of Eastman, GA, has authored a new book. *Basic Etiquette for Adults in a Rush* is a small and informative book that focuses on the basics of etiquette needed for everyday living. It gives the rushed adult

concise and up-to-date information that adds polish and confidence to one's social graces. Carole had a signing for her new book in June at Coleman Gifts in Eastman. You can order her book from www.southernrenaissance.com.

Kathryne Meeks Sanders '65 of Charlotte, NC, was mother of the groom in May. "My son, David, married on May 17, 2008, in Durham, NC. He and his wife live in Atlanta. My sister-in-law, **Ginger Sanders White '68** and her family live in Lexington, KY, and also attended the wedding.

"We have a new addition to our family," reports **Katherine Champion Smelley '65** of Savannah, GA. "Granddaughter Katherine Leila Alexandra 'Katie' Smelley was born February 8, 2008, in Chicago, IL, to our son, Dr. Matthew Peyton Smelley, and our daughter-in-law, Dr. Claire Elise Najim."

This past spring, North Carolina Poet Laureate **Kathryn 'Kay' Stripling Byer '66** of Cullowhee, NC, came to Georgia to visit her mother and gave a reading at Georgia Southwestern in Americus. Classmates **Abbie Howard Dillard '66** and her sister, **Kathy Howard Douglas '66**, **Barb Brubaker Hightower '66**, and **Catherine Burns Liles '66** attended the reading. Abbie's daughter, **Elizabeth Dillard Kuipers, Ph.D. '92** teaches English at GSW and helped arrange the event. Kay also co-edited, *The Movable Nest: A Mother-Daughter Companion*, from Helicon Nine Editions, which also contains a poem by Kay's daughter. In July, the ncarts.org site began a laureate blog, where Kay shares her experiences as laureate over the past year. She also has a personal blog, *Here, Where I Am*, in which she offers some of her own work, and thoughts on what she's reading and writing. The link is kathrynstriplingbyer.blogspot.com.

"What are the odds? My roommates during Wesleyan years, **Jo Tolmie Denmark '66** and **Becky Floyd '66**, both live in the Orlando area," writes Orlando resident **Reta Holt Peterson '66**.

Betty Westmoreland Shuster '66 of Gainesville, GA, has a new grandson, Matthew Bennett Shuster, born May 22, 2008, to Steven and Heather Shuster. He joins big brother Ryan, age 2 1/2. Steven is a pilot like his dad. "We enjoy retirement by traveling to scuba diving sites (Cozumel, Honduras, Belize) and making frequent visits to our home in Hilton Head."

Jean Gilbert Witcher '66 of Snellville, GA, is a survivor – a seven year survivor. Jean has been facilitating a breast cancer support group in the Northlake Mall of Atlanta for four years.

From Hampstead, NH, **Suzanne Spradling Martin, Ph.D. '67** writes, "It is hard to believe 41 years have past since we left Wesleyan to start the rest of our lives. During those 41 years, I married Bob Martin, taught high school biology and college biology for 33 years, and had two adorable daughters, Stacy Leigh and Saraday. Now we have both retired to NH, where we have two perfect granddaughters. Bob recently retired as the director of aviation at Verizon in Westchester County, after retiring from the Navy as a captain. If anyone is ever up our way give us a call and we can take you out on our boat in Maine. The best to everyone."

"Thanks to my dear Golden Hearts for the notes and cards after my husband's (James Lutz) death on Nov. 28, 2007. The strength of my sisters has helped me so much," writes **Kathleen 'Kathi' Neal '67** of Atlanta. (See *Sympathy*.)

Atlanta resident **Karen Moore Thomson, Ph.D. '67** was installed as a two term president of the Atlanta Woman's Club in May. Good friend **Carol Burt '64** from St. Simons Island, GA, and Carol's mother attended the installation. Karen is a retired professor of English from Kennesaw State. Her husband, Tom, is a retired professor of mathematics from Kennesaw.

Janie Hudson Williams '67 and husband Perkins have a "new" historical home. They moved back to Madison,



Class of 1958 50th reunion

(L to R) **Row 1:** Jensene Godwin Payne, Anne Stewart Raymond, Medra Lott Keyser, Betty Nunn Mori, Clarice Pittman Elder, Eleanor Adams Lane, Julia Stillwell Ketcham, Delia Bridwell Reynolds, Nina Beth Sheppard Terrell. **Row 2:** Anne McGee Morganstern, Sally Tanner Lies, Marie Girardeau Russell, Carole Kelley Mangham, Nancy Cook Hollingsworth, Jean O'Keeffe Fraser, Luleen Sandefur Anderson, Martha Carter Bryant. **Row 3:** Sue Davis Reynolds, Joyce Reynolds Davidson, Carolyn Brice Hull, Becky Duncan Kinsey, Gloria Barwick Szokoly, Nan Cherry Baird, Temple Wilson Ellis, Joy Hatcher Fason. **Row 4:** Kennon Ayer Hatcher Griffing, Beulah Laslie Brinson, Elinor Maxwell Garner, Nancy Peterson Shaw, Nancy Stephenson Powell. **Row 5:** Jane Howard Reinmuth, Louise Sawyer Whipple, Lola Harris Ellis, Lorena Campbell Piper, Emogene Walker Taylor, Nancy McCook Spence, Nancy Doss Holcombe, Emily Hardman Dickey, Anne Middlebrooks Gale, Zoe Moore Turner. **Not Pictured:** Wynn Armstrong Creal, Bee Seckinger Epley, Mary Reese Myers, Pat Rimmer Knox-Hudson, Doris Stone Wilder.

GA, to his home place built by his great grandfather in 1886. "We've renovated and now enjoy country life in the middle of Greene County, GA. Daughter Laura teaches high school history at James Island High in Charleston. Son Bob lives in Asheville, NC. Our second grandchild is due in January '09."

"I have a new job at Emory with the Religion and Health Collaborative. I write a newsletter for them," reports **Jean Widney Wynn '67** of Atlanta.

1968 (40th Reunion)

Reunion Chair and Class President **Ellen Beard Martin** welcomed classmates back to Wesleyan for a fantastic 40th. Committee members **Jane Price Claxton**, **Vicki Page Jaus**, and **Andgelia Proctor Kelly** made sure that memories glowed "green" for The Great Green Knights of '68, especially at the class party held at Andgelia's home. **Pris Gautier Bornmann** served as class liaison and presented the class gift.

"I had a fabulous time at Alumnae Weekend. The campus looks wonderful, and I was very impressed by the new Munroe Science Center. Thank you (alumnae office) so much for all your hard work - it's so important for me to keep in touch with all of my sisters," writes **Beth Rogero Bowen '68** from St. Augustine, FL. She and husband Jerry spent a week in the Abaco Islands, and had dinner with **Judy Woodward Gregory '63** and her husband, Scott, at their home on Man-O-War. "I also met Candace Malone, the local student who is a new first-year student at Wesleyan - a great addition to the newest GK class." In June, Beth's new book was released. *St. Augustine in the Gilded Age* is a history of St. Augustine, FL, from 1900 to 1914, and is published by Arcadia Press, as part of their Postcard History Series.

"After many years of public school teaching, I retired in June. When Thoreau left Walden Pond after two-plus years, he wrote that he decided to leave because he felt he had "more lives

to live and could not spare any more time" there. I have loved teaching and am confident that in God's plan for my life I will continue to find different ways to remain a teacher. I look forward to discovering what new chapters of my life lie ahead! In October, Lou and I will have six grandchildren, all under the age of five! Guess we'll be joyfully busy! Spending time at Wesleyan in April with dear GK friends kindled wonderful memories. Hoddy Toddy!" writes **Betsy Martin Bunte '68** of Marietta, GA.

According to **Patty Pearce Cardin '68** of Columbus, GA, life is good! "I am retired and enjoying our five grandchildren, who live in Columbus and Atlanta. My husband has started a new community bank in Columbus, First Georgia Banking Co. I am helping with the First Georgia Travel Club, as well as lots of other volunteer activities. Patty also has a WESLEYAN FIRST. She and her daughter, Alli Cardin Medof, were the first mother/daughter team to both participate in the Leadership Columbus Program several years ago.

Maconite **Jane Price Claxton '68** and husband Joe are proud of their daughter, Anne, who received her Ph.D. in June from Ohio State. "Of course you know we were in that Ohio State Stadium - in the 90+ heat - watching her walk across the stage to get the sheepskin (or whatever it is now made of). Fortunately, the Ph.D. graduates were first!"

"I'm still living on the York River in Gloucester, VA. I would love to hear from anyone passing through - as many do at one time or another," writes **Marian Pointer Clements '68** of Bena, VA.

After many years as the press spokesperson for the DeKalb County District Attorney, **Susan Cobleigh '68** of Decatur, GA, made a career change in 2006. She writes, "I am now the executive director of the Decatur Preservation Alliance, a non-profit whose mission is to preserve Decatur's historic structures and green spaces. I have also had the privilege of going

with Garrison Keillor (complete with cast and musicians) on all three of the 'Prairie Home Companion' cruises: to the Canadian Maritimes in 2005, Alaska in 2006, and Norway last year. There's no cruise planned for 2008, but I'm hoping for another in 2009!"

Elizabeth "Betty" Smith Hipps, Ph.D. '68 is a retired principal from Columbus, GA, who now teaches at Columbus State University. "Mike and I have two wonderful grandchildren, Daniel (5) and Maggie (4) - a future PK (Class of 2026). We see **Kay Hafner Agnew '68** of Pine Mountain, GA, often and love reminiscing about our Wesleyan days. Sorry to miss our 40th. See you all next time."

Sara Walters Ingram '68 of Opelika, AL, hated to miss the 40th reunion but her mother (who now lives with her) had emergency surgery a week prior to Alumnae Weekend. "The photos I've seen from the weekend were such fun to look at - GK's, ya'll still look great!" Sara has a WESLEYAN FIRST, as the first Wesleyan alumna to teach at Trinity Christian School, a classical Christian School, where she teaches Latin (4th and 8th grade).

Proud grandmother **Andgelia Proctor Kelly '68** of Macon says that her first granddaughter, Rylee, was born in November 2006 to Lori and Ryan Tozier. "It was great to be back at Wesleyan for the 40th reunion - we can't be that old! I earned a BS in legal studies and have been a paralegal for 25 years (now in criminal law, formerly in civil law). I'm still working toward retirement, possibly in another five years."

Virginia "Ginny" Hiers Roebuck '68 of Thonotosassa, FL, reports that she is now blessed with two wonderful grandchildren, Hazel (3) and Grant (4) months. "Proud parents are our son, Lloyd, and daughter-in-law, Sarah. I missed our 40th reunion because the handbell choir I direct played in a music festival that weekend. I love the slide show classmates prepared."

"My husband John and I retired

to Estes Park, CO - the gateway to Rocky Mt. National Park. We stay busy volunteering at the Park with educational programs, the Greenhouse, and Research Studies. We would love a visit from any Wesleyannes visiting this area!" writes **Sally Plowden Stevenson '68**.

"Being a grandmother is a wonderful thing, as our first turned 3 on April 13. I care for her three days a week (or more), and Carrigan Grace is our 'Little Bit' of heaven. We're expecting her sister or brother in September - the newest little one will certainly be known as 'Tidbit,'" writes **Ina Davis Temple '68** from her home in Macon.

"I'm in Weston, CT, thinking of all those great Green Knights from the Class of '68. Have a wonderful 40th reunion," writes **Catherine Cushing Thierry '68**.

Marshall Fordham, guitarist son of **Patricia Pace Fordham '69** of Elko, GA, presented a program at Macon State College on April 11, 2008.

Diana Hall Richardson '69 of Columbus, GA, has a new grandson born April 13, 2008, to younger daughter Claire and her husband, Josh Robinson. "He was named John Howard after two great grandfathers, who both died early in lives of my husband, Fred, and Josh's mother, Judy," reports Diana.

Dorothy "Dotti" Smith Stewart '69 lives in Philippi, WV, where she serves as a United Methodist Minister to six churches in the Nestorville Charge. Dotti also coordinates deaf ministries in the West Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. She married Carlee Stewart on Aug 9, 2003.

1970s

The latest news from **Lana Tygart Griner '70** of Brooklet, GA, is that her daughters had daughters (three days apart) on Feb. 28, 2007, and March 3, 2007. "Future Wesleyannes!"

"I'm a grandmother - finally!" says **Sally Shingler Kurrie '70** of Valdosta, GA. Thomson and Stephanie had a

Class of 1963 45th reunion

Front, seated: Cecilia McDaniel Brock. (L to R) **Row 1:** Karen Connor Shockley, Peggy Craig Bryant. **Row 2:** Tommie Sue Montgomery-Abrahams, Mary Goss Hughes, Renate Butler Ryan, Diane A. Lumpkin, Sylvia Hutchinson Bell. **Row 3:** Mary Jean Campbell, Judy Woodward Gregory, Sally Irwin Williams, Lynda Brinks Pfeiffer, Anne Ewing Shumaker, Joyce Brandon Starr.



baby boy, Thompson Kurrie IV ("Cort") in January. He's adorable! Lee Lee is a surgical nurse and Mary Margaret is in law school at UGA. I'm still teaching English and think of Miss Munck often!"

From Raleigh, NC, **Patsy Lockhart Schutte '70** remembers **Elizabeth Pittman Dux '70** and **Karen Davis '70**, her classmates and very dear friends, who both succumbed to cancer.

"I encourage all Class of 1970 PKs to attend our reunion in 2010. During Alumnae Weekend this year, I unexpectedly was able to attend the GK '68 class party and it was so much fun! Enjoyed my visit with **Susan Woodward Walker '70** and many others!" writes **Jan Bull Simpson '70** from Columbia, SC.

Susan Woodard Walker '70 and husband Otey of Franklin, TN, are very proud of their second son, George, who graduated from Middle Tennessee State University on December 15, 2007. "He is learning disabled, and school has always been difficult for him, so we feel that he has reached a great milestone in earning his college degree!" writes Susan.

Lindy Anderson '71 of Clermont, FL, stays busy in "retirement" tutoring foreign adults through a county literacy program. Lindy also plays the piano at nursing homes and "hits" the tennis courts several times a week. Last spring she enjoyed visiting with **Carolyn Berger Krutoy '71** and **Martha Yates Thomas '71** in Georgia.

After suffering five strokes, **Sharron Mays Lawn '71** is residing currently at Waycross Health and Rehab Center, 1910 Dorothy St., Waycross, GA, 31501. Sharron retired from Waycross College, where she was a professor of English and speech. She would love to hear from friends. She looks forward to hearing about her "sister" class reunion (Class of '73) from her sister, **Janice Mays '73**. Sharron's son, William, (24) has started a landscaping business and resides at the family home in Millwood.

In May, **Cathy Coxey Snow '71** received the 2008 Gamble-Lamon Award from American Association of University Women - Macon Branch.

Recognized for outstanding service to the branch, Cathy received the award from former recipient **Betty Atwater '49** at the group's annual scholarship luncheon.

Deborah Wedgworth Altman '72 of Belle Glade, FL, enjoys playing golf and tennis, and traveling to Nashville, TN, to visit her four grandchildren. "My health is terrific and life is good!" notes Debbie.

Becky Jones Brock '72 of LaFayette, GA, wrote: "I celebrated my 58th birthday in Atlanta with my college roommate, **Eileen Vickery Thurmond '72** and **Mimi Mathis '73**. We had a great time reliving our college days. It is always so good to spend time with my Wesleyan friends!"

▲ 1973 (35th Reunion)

Pirates of '73 enjoyed a "blast from the past" at their reunion class party held at the home of **Adriane Kelly Wood**. Class President and Reunion Chair **Linda Brown Walker** planned for plenty of "catch up" time on career moves, grandchildren, retirement options, and college days. The annual meeting proved that "Pirate Pride" was still intact when classmates applauded the achievements of alumnae award recipient **Hale Coble Edwards**. **Carol Bacon Kelso's** hard work as class liaison paid off when **Linda Walker** announced the "treasured" class gift.

From Thomasville, GA, **Carol Bacon Kelso '73** shares an update. "I couldn't make my 35th reunion since my daughter, Rachel, chose April 18th to be her wedding day! It was a perfect evening by the lake under a full moon and star-filled sky - and, of course, the bride was beautiful! We all missed my brother, Rick, who died in March. My son, Jared, and his family just moved back to Atlanta after living in Switzerland for three years. They are about to give me my first grandson. Nice, he'll have two older sisters. My daughter, **Anna Kelso Pettis '06**, lives in Warner Robins and teaches kindergarten at Centerville

Elementary School. So, I spend a lot of time on I-75 visiting my children and grands. One of my friends and I are settling into our roles as dual comedy and cooking show hosts on the local channels in southwest GA. We are beginning to get some comments from the street, mostly, 'I saw your show!'" writes Carol. (See *Sympathy*.)

Janice Ann Mays '73 resides in Arlington, VA, where she is currently chief counsel and staff director, Committee on Ways & Means, U.S. House of Representatives. Janice earned her A.B. at Wesleyan, J.D. at UGA, and M.L.T. at Georgetown Law.

In Gainesville, FL, **Lynn Ellis Rousseau '73** is a busy volunteer. She spent a year co-chairing the annual National Convention for the Hearing Loss Association of America [HLAA] held in Orlando this past summer. Lynn says, "I work hard but enjoy doing this - especially if it turns out half as nice as I expect, and people have a fun and informative time." As a volunteer State Chapter Coordinator, Lynn travels in Florida visiting other HLA-FL chapters. She finally sold her home in Hollywood. "It was a sad event, because it had been my grandparents' home, as well as where I grew up." Lynn is expecting another grandchild (compliments of her daughter and son-in-law) who will join cousins Riley Anne, Ryan, and Reed from her son, Todd, and his wife, Kerry. "My middle child, son Joey, is still dating and having fun," reports Lynn.

Atlanta resident **Virginia Slack '73** completed her 23rd tax season with H&R Block, where she specializes in international returns and estates and trusts. Ginny continues to serve at Villa International Atlanta, a hospitality ministry (located near CDC), where she is on the board of directors and acting treasurer. "A recent highlight in my service at the Atlanta History Center was the display of papers from the Martin Luther King, Jr. collection," says Ginny. She earned an M.Ed. at GA State University in 1976.

Susan Paul Tyler '73 resides in Overland Park, KS. She is employed at the American Academy of Family Physicians in Leawood (Medical Specialty Society for Family Physicians), where she is manager of Continuing Medical Education (CME) Accreditation. She has been there since 2004. Susan also remarried in 2004 to Douglas Tyler (he just goes by "Tyler"). Susan earned an M.Ed. from the University of Southern Mississippi, and has done further graduate work in adult and continuing education at the University of Texas (San Antonio). She also earned a C.M.P. (Certified Meeting Professional) degree in 1997.

In November 2007, **Linda Brown Walker '73** began working part-time as a children's bookseller at Quail Ridge Books and Music in Raleigh, NC. As the former children's librarian for a NC regional library system and a former elementary school media coordinator, Linda says this job equals FUN, FUN, FUN! "Our dear Miss Munck was an inspiration to me! Two months prior to my 35th reunion, I met **Luleen Sandefur Anderson '58**, when she was participating in an author discussion panel in the store. We 'compared notes' and learned we both would be back at Wesleyan with classmates this year." Linda earned a master's degree in librarianship from Emory University in 1974.

Congratulations to **Virginia "Ginny" Woods Everett '74** of Alpharetta, GA, N&I's senior editor for information and administration, for winning the Joseph F. Kwapi Memorial Award from the News Division of the Special Libraries Association. This honor is given to celebrate major achievement in the field of news librarianship and outstanding service to the News Division of the association. A Kwapi Award is the news librarian's equivalent of a Pulitzer or a lifetime achievement award. Ginny's constant innovation and efforts to redefine newspaper librarianship in the evolving world of media were cited in the award.



Class of 1968 40th reunion

(L to R) **Row 1:** Suzanne Moore McGovern, Ginger Sanders White, Cheryl Grantham Fee, Betsy Martin Bunte, Judy Floyd Smith, Beth Rogero Bowen, Pris Gautier Bornmann, Ina Davis Temple, Taffy Pate Atkinson, Anne Adams Atkinson. **Row 2:** Martha Pafford Schindhelm, Susan Cobleigh, Jana Witham Janeway, Lois Wheeler Brummitt, Andgelia Proctor Kelly, Cheryl Maund Page, Martha Herring Stubbs, Helen Jackson Burgin. **Row 3:** Susan Burr Harris, Ginna Larson Schneider, Marsha Fernald Sichveland, Ruth Anne Gray Randolph, Patty Pearce Cardin, Nancy Lowe Taylor, Susan Swain Goger, Vicki Page Jaus. **Row 4:** Jane Price Claxton, Robin Hood Geisler, Ellen Beard Martin, Mary Jo Fincher Plowden, Susan Towns Sharp, Lynn Hays Davis, Eve Birmingham, Katherine Wilson Johnson, Beverly Mitchell, Babs Richardson Pirkle.

From DuPont, GA, **Donna Stalvey Smithwick '74** reports "I have been widowed since 1998, have two sons ages 19 and 24, and have one terrific grandson who is six months old - Dawson Drake Smithwick. After teaching for 30 years, I retired in June 2004."

In July, **Hazel Burns Struby, Ph.D. '74** was named vice president for academic affairs at Flint River Technical College in Thomaston, GA, where she will be responsible for the leadership, administration, and day-to-day operations of the academic affairs department. Hazel had been part of the Technical College System of Georgia for sixteen years. She previously worked at Central Georgia Technical College, where she served as dean of instruction. Hazel taught math in the classroom for 28 years and online for 12 years. She and husband Neil live in Gray, GA, and have two children, Neil Jr. and Hazel Caldwell, and three grandchildren.

Selma Middlebrooks Gore '75 of LaGrange, GA, is proud of her three children. Her oldest son, Thomas, graduated from law school and is practicing in Savannah. Middle child Andrew completed his second year of medical school at Vanderbilt. Her youngest, Elizabeth, is completing her sophomore year at UGA and has been accepted into the College of Education.

"My daughter just finished her freshman year at University of New Hampshire. She is a musical theater major and had multiple performance opportunities, including *Ubu Roi*, an absurdist play," writes **Patti Henry '76** from Wellesley, MA.

Janice Cromer Holbrook '76 of Lexington, SC, sends an update. "Fred and I moved back to South Carolina from Michigan in August 2007. We are delighted to be in the sunny South and closer to family again. Our daughter, Erin, lives and works in Chicago (still trying to become famous!). Our son, Jonathan, is majoring in music business management at Columbia College Chicago (a music major like

his mama!). I am returning to school to get certification and possibly a master's degree in early childhood education. Hopefully, I have a few brain cells left!"

Anita Stern Isaac '76 of New York, NY, has been an operator with Condé Nast for 29 years. She is also a travel agent and "Aussie Specialist" and has traveled to Australia and New Zealand. Anita spent ten years volunteering at Jacob Perlow Hospice at Beth Israel in New York which, she says, was a very rewarding experience. Anita lives in Stuyvesant Town, a unique part of the city. According to Anita, "One of the things that makes Stuyvesant Town special is the large amount of greenery there. In fact, their slogan is 'A Park Runs Through It.' It's next to the East River, where my husband and I often take walks." Anita served as an alumna hostess at the 2008 Leadership Institute reception at The Metropolitan Museum of Art in August.

"I'm teaching again at Glenwood School, a private K3-12 school in Alabama. My husband of 24 years, Steve, and I have a two children: Justin (19) and Sarah Jane (14). We live in a 110 year old home with 100 year old pecan trees in the yard. I sing in several choirs at church and help direct some of the music. I miss my classmates from Wesleyan," says **Nevajane Smith McCain '77**, who lives in Waverly Hall, GA.

▲ 1978 (30th Reunion)

After 30 years, the Class of '78 is still "purple to the bone!" Reunion co-chairs **Jeri Ellis Crowell** and **Judy Day Powell** greeted PK sisters at Jeri's home for a Saturday night class party, where sharing stories of student days and "life after Wesleyan" took center stage when PKs compared notes, exchanged photos, and swapped stories. Class members were proud of Wesleyan Trustee **Bryndis Roberts**, who brought greetings from the Board of Trustees to all alumnae at the annual meeting. **Janet**

Williams Sills served as class liaison.

Millie Smith Beverly '78 just completed 14 years of homeschooling - all three of her children are now attending or have completed college. "I celebrated my 30th anniversary with Reuben in May and we are still living in Griffin, GA. It was wonderful to see everyone at reunion! I participate in the Griffin Choral Arts with **Dotty Budd Murray '77** and **Jan Shelnutt Whalen '71**. I received a master's degree in administration in business - financial analysis."

Jeri Ellis Crowell '78 of Macon earned an Ed.D. in counseling education and supervision and an M.A. in mental health counseling. She also published a book, *Group Techniques: How to Use Them More Purposefully* (2008) by Conyne, Crowell, & Newmeyer.

Janet Friberg Jarrett '78 and husband Henry Kinzer Jarrett III reside in Louisville, KY. The Jarretts were married in October 2006 in the Benson Room at Wesleyan with the reception held in the Manget Dining Room. Wesleyan Chaplain Rev. Hurdle gave the benediction. Many Wesleyannes attended, including Henry's daughter, **Hillary '08**. (See *Class Notes Spring 2008*). According to Janet, the wedding was "a wonderful experience of family and friends, memories and traditions - all the things that a Wesleyan wedding should be about." Janet is doing well since she received a kidney transplant in 2005. She earned a master's degree in heritage preservation from Georgia State University in 1994.

"I am currently a communication consultant and also an Alabama State Spelling Bee Pronouncer (Extraordinaire). I earned an M.A. in theatre - lighting design at USC in 1981 (also a WESLEYAN FIRST)," writes **Janet L. Keys '78** from Birmingham, AL.

Sara Jane Overstreet '78 of Griffin, GA, earned an M.S. from Purdue University and a M.Ed. from Georgia State University. She also co-authored

a book, *Lifespan: Human Development* and multiple genealogical publications. Sara Jane was named Human Services Adjunct Faculty Member of the Year at Mercer University. In her "spare time" Sara Jane designs jewelry, and classmates viewed her designs at the Alumnae Marketplace held during Alumnae Weekend. Sadly, her mother died in January. (See *Sympathy*.)

According to **Judy Day Powell '78** of The Woodlands, TX, she's still having fun telling about her 2008 reunion experience. "It lives on! Everything was truly lovely, and I am most appreciative. It made me more homesick (for Wesleyan) than you know."

In February, Wesleyan Trustee **Bryndis Roberts '78** of Atlanta represented Wesleyan at the inauguration of Morehouse College's new president.

Cathy Bradach Rockoff '78 of Woodstock, GA, became a grandmother in May - daughter Michele was married last year. Cathy has great memories of her 30th reunion in April. "It was the first time that I have come for the Friday festivities. It was such a treat to hear 'Ruthie' talk about the college and do the Q&A. Viewing artwork by the art students, and hearing them explain their work was thrilling. The dinner at Idle Hour was wonderful, especially with the Wesleyannes performing. That night I went back to the hotel with two other classmates and we talked ourselves to sleep as we discussed the past, present, and future of Wesleyan College. On Saturday shopping at the alumnae Marketplace was a trip, especially with my former roommate **Kathy Bradley's** CD for sale. At our class party that night we all got to relax and remember. We weren't just talking about the past, but we were supportive of each other in all our different walks of life."

From Japan, **Rieko Oda Takenaka '78** writes, "My son, Hiroki, graduated from the University in March and left home to work in Osaka, in the Western

Class of 1973 35th reunion

(L to R) **Row 1:** Weize Anne Hayes Wright, Caron Griffin Morgan, Carroll Ricketson Bolton, Becky Read Sullivan. **Row 2:** Kathy Olson, Ginny Slack, Susan Paul Tyler, Anne Thornton Reynolds. **Row 3:** Adriane Kelly Wood, Linda Brown Walker, Janice Mays, Kathy Amidon MacGregor, Deb Monds Davis, Hale Coble Edwards **Not pictured:** Marsha Lynn Christy, Natalie Ryan Gemmill, Debra Henderson Hoobler.



part of Japan. My husband has been living in Nagoya (between Tokyo and Osaka) on business and he only comes home every other weekend. That leaves only my daughter, Satomi, who is a sophomore at the University, and me at home – with my mother living downstairs.” Reiko enjoyed returning to Wesleyan for her reunion.

Sally Anderson Hemingway '79 of Macon is the new assistant to the president at Wesleyan College. She and Tim enjoy being back in Macon.

“We’ve recently made an Army move to northern VA from TX,” reports **Linda Stewart Scott '79**. “We’re now ‘empty nesters,’ so I’m looking forward to tagging along with my husband, Art, since he does a good bit of overseas traveling in his new job. Between trips I’m planning to substitute in our neighborhood elementary school.”

1980s

Wanda Spears Doles '80 lives in Olathe, KS, and works as director of data management for Clinical Pharmacology of Quintiles in Overland Park, KS.

Janet “Jan” Waters Hebbard '80 and Carl of St. Simon’s Island, GA, have been married since 1980. Carl is head of technical services at Corporate Ga-Pacific. They have a daughter, Carleigh, who is majoring in cell molecular biology at Tulane, and a son, John, (pre-dentistry) at Mercer.

Wende Sanderson Meyer von Bremen '80 of Macon has a new GK in the family. Daughter Meghan is a first-year student at Wesleyan this year, and shares her mother’s class color.

On May 18th, 2007, **Diana Jones (Fuller) '80** of Macon, married Michael Williams at Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church in Savannah. They traveled to Italy for two weeks on their honeymoon. Michael is a wedding/ portrait/ commercial photographer in Macon. Recently, Diana has been promoted to assistant vice president at Central Bank of Georgia and is the

branch manager of Central Bank’s newest branch on Mulberry Street. (See *Marriages*.)

After 25 years as an elementary music teacher and choral director, **Jane Estes '81** will be spending a year on sabbatical traveling with her mother, Martha Estes, on several extended tours, including several weeks on the Columbia River through the Pacific Northwest. Jane and her husband, E. Frank Jones, celebrated their second wedding anniversary on June 14, 2008. The couple resides in Macon, spending time with family and enjoying golf at Healy Pointe and River Forest.

“I am enjoying life and apple farming in the beautiful Victorian spa town of Eureka Springs, AK. I recently renovated our home, built in 1880, that is on the National Historic Register,” writes **Donna Lynn Woods '81**.

In April, **Rhonda Helton Hambright '82** of St. Simon’s Island, GA, achieved a WESLEYAN FIRST when she conducted the Coastal Symphony in Glynn County – the first woman to do so.

Susan Holloway '82 of Minneola, FL, says she recently got together with **Susan Dempsey '82**, **Becky Nelson '84**, and **Tina Martinez Barrios '82** from April 5-9. “We all stayed at Tina’s house in Bradenton so that we could attend the NCAA Women’s Final Four Basketball Tournament in Tampa. We also got to visit a bit with **Mindy Fraiser '80**, who had come down for the games, too. We had a great time!”

▲ 1983 (25th Reunion)

Sharing 25 years of memories confirmed the new “Silver Belle” status for members of the Class of 1983, who exchanged 25th anniversary kudos with each other. Reunion Chair **Beth Koon**, with help from **Ginger Caldwell Musser** and **Cyndi Bell**, made sure GHs were “Hanging in the Hurdle” (the Hurdle Café on campus) for a class party, where more than memories were

on the menu. Class Liaison **Mary Ann Aiken Fitzgerald** encouraged class gifts to mark the “silver” occasion.

From Monroe, GA, **Cyndi Bell '83** writes, “After 25 years teaching at Tilson Elementary School in DeKalb County, my school is closing. In August 2008, I began working as a Title I math specialist at Oakview Elementary School in DeKalb.” Cyndi earned a master’s degree in early childhood education from Brenau University in 2003.

Judith Lane Brown '83 of Laurens, SC, was previously an environmental lab technician; then a journalist and photojournalist and lifestyle editor for two newspapers. Now, she says, “I’m a homemaker for my husband and six children (ages 5-18) and do occasional photography and writing. During Alumnae Weekend, I joked about the miserable sounding career information I had to put down since I’ve still been a full-time mom. Four days after reunion a reporter was fired and I got sucked back into the “at least four to six stories -- with photos” (part-time) newspaper world. I had assumed that during my 18-year ‘sabbatical,’ that the 20+ year-old Freedom of Information Act was old hand to every municipality out there, but no... So within a week of being told ‘No, the media doesn’t get a packet,’ and a few phone calls, I’ve helped stir up a hornet’s nest in one little ‘Strong Mayor form of government’ town...OOPS! So, it was a nice 18 years...”

“I enjoy being a ‘Wesleyan Mom’ since my daughter, Melissa Haley (2010), is in her second year at Wesleyan, writes **Beth Mercer Haley '83** from Loganville, GA.

“I was so glad to be back on campus visiting with my classmates and other Wesleyanians during Alumnae Weekend. I spend a great deal of time volunteering with the Boy Scouts of America, and serve on the executive board of the Central Florida Council, BSA,” writes **Peggy Jones Hall '83** of Indianalantic, FL.

Beth Koon '83 of Winter Haven,

FL, is the quality management senior analyst at Winter Haven Hospital. “My job is the best - I help the excellent staff do their jobs smarter, not harder! I chair the hospital’s Customer Satisfaction Council. I also serve as an ordained Deacon at First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven and as a national trainer for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.” In her spare time, Beth is a board member for the Community Foundation of Greater Winter Haven. A past president of National Association of Social Workers (NASW) FL Chapter, Beth is currently a NASW Ethics Committee Member and teaches professional workshops for behavioral health professionals. She earned a M.S.W. in clinical social work at Florida State University, and is a Florida Licensed Clinical Social Worker, NASW Qualified Clinical Social Worker, and NASW Diplomat in Clinical Social Work.

Griffin, GA, resident **Wadra Garner McCullough '83** is the nursing director at Spalding Regional Medical Center.

“I live in the Chicago area (Island Lake, IL), where I enjoy gardening in the spring and summer and participating in book clubs in my free time. In my current profession I work in financial services, as a project manager - systems management. I just received the 2007 Pinnacle of Excellence Award for Customer Service and Consumer Banking,” says **Lisa Story Neilson '83**.

Muffy Gordy Schladensky '83 of Columbus, GA, recently married Fred Schladensky. “We enjoy travel, golf, and bike riding. Our only ‘child’ is a Yorkshire Terrier named Eloise, that we enjoy spoiling rotten. I am active and serve on the vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church, as well as Chattahoochee Valley Episcopal Ministry Council. My hobbies include cooking, reading, and gardening, when I am not busy working in commercial real estate.”

“My show Jane Austen’s *Pride and Prejudice* was optioned for Broadway in October 2006. It is in development right



Class of 1978 30th reunion

(L to R) **Row 1:** Janet Keys, Stephanie Wilson Sedlar, Wendy Coffman Cook, Kako Shinzato-Kitamura, Patilee Tate. **Row 2:** Kathy A. Bradley, Judy Day Powell, Dawn Sapp Taylor, Anne Scarborough Hughes, Nancy McDonald Terhorst, Julie St. John Thornton, Rieko Oda Takenaka. **Row 3:** Laurinda Murphy Norris, Leight Lambert Goff, Janet Friberg Jarrett, Darla Grinstead McKenzie, Candice Muehlbauer Shockley, Janet Rumler Brooks. **Row 4:** Kathy Harving Gibbs, Jeri Ellis Crowell, Sara Jane Overstreet, Cathy Bradach Rockoff, Bryndis Roberts, Millie Smith Beverly, Sissy Blossom.

now and we are shooting for an opening on Broadway in November 2009. I am in the city all the time. We have begun casting. Our creative team is being put together - Mark Lamos is our director and Fred Lassen is our music director," reports **Amanda Jacobs Dean '84** from Rochester, NY.

The *Birmingham News* did a feature article on **Jeanon Davis Massien '84** and her friends who practice traditional Japanese embroidery techniques. It is not unusual to spend up to a year completing one piece of embroidery, and is the best way Jeanon and her friends know to "slow down in a hurry-up world." Their equipment, including a wood frame, is no different than equipment that has been used for 1,600 years. Mastery of the art requires completion of 10 phases, which requires 46 techniques and, of course, much patience.

"The Wesleyannes recently performed at my church, First UMC of Albany, GA. It was absolutely wonderful! Their talent and dedication reinforced the incredible pride I have for Wesleyan," writes **Holly Heath '85**.

Laura Marler Dillard '87 of Dothan, AL, notes, "I attended Wesleyan in 1983 for only one semester due to my Hodgkin's Disease diagnosis and chemotherapy, but would love to catch up with my classmates."

Maconite **Lisa Shivelor '87** is enjoying her time as director of admissions at Gordon College in nearby Barnesville where, she says, it is still surprising to see young men on campus! Despite her job, Lisa still actively recruits for Wesleyan College during her personal time.

▲ 1988 (20th Reunion)

Green Knight Reunion Chair **Beth Herndon** kept classmates in touch by email all year long, as plans for a tremendous 20th took shape. Classmates responded with a *Great Green Knight* turnout. GK pride took

over when Alumnae Association President **Jody Bethea Riggs** greeted her class at the annual meeting, while Class Liaison **Michele Arduengo's** special letters to classmates gave extra meaning to 20th anniversary gifts.

Inspired by Wesleyan's "Imaginative Writing Program," featured in the 2008 Spring *Wesleyan Magazine*, **Michele Arduengo, Ph.D. '88** coordinated efforts to initiate a similar program, the "Telling My Story" program, in her hometown of Milton, WI. The program involved 12 students (intermediate school and high school age) who completed the task of writing and publishing an illustrated book in just four weeks. All books had ISBN numbers that were catalogued in two libraries and listed in "Books in Print." One benefit of the program was that it turned into an intergenerational event, involving students and also writing mentors such as senior citizen retired teachers, reading specialists, and even a student nurse. Michele, who writes a weekly "Cheese Grits" column for the *Milton Courier*, prepared the books for publication. She looks forward to expanding the program.

Lynn Abney-Palloto '88 is married to Mike Palloto and has a beautiful 3-year-old daughter, Katelynn. With a master's degree in counseling/psychology from Georgia State University, Lynn has a private practice in counseling, and works with adolescents and their families who are struggling with legal troubles from substance abuse problems. "I work part-time outside the home and spend the remainder of my time raising our daughter, which is the best job EVER! We attend North Point Community Church and live in Dunwoody. It thrills me to see my Wesleyan friends and to

rekindle such cherished memories with everyone!"

"I'm working full-time for a software company as a senior consultant," writes **Susan Baynes '88** of Marietta, GA. "I also have a side business that provides programming, tech support, and website services. I enjoy traveling, scuba diving, photography, and spending time with my dog, Blackjack."

Deana Carlisle Carlson '88 and husband Troy of Byron, GA, have been married for 17 years and have a 13-year-old son, Trevor. She has been teaching English and AVID at Peach County High School in Ft. Valley for 18 years. A national board certified teacher, Deana has a specialist degree in educational leadership from Columbus State University, and a master's degree in secondary English education from Mercer.

Kecia Whitlock Cawthorne '88 lives in Columbus, GA, with husband Eddie and their two children, Win (8) and Mary Elizabeth (6). She is a full-time wife and mother and pre-K teacher at Wynnton Methodist Preschool. Kecia is a licensed professional counselor and earned a master's degree in community counseling from Georgia State University.

Susan DeBay Farley '88 and husband Marc have three young children - Max (8), Jake (6), and Isabelle (3 - a future PK). "They keep our house busy, loud, and full of love. I have been teaching for 10 years - all in upper grade elementary. I currently teach in Doraville, and have an M.Ed. from Florida Atlantic University. Marc is an actor/writer in Atlanta. If you get the *Walk the Line* DVD, look for him in the 'Memphis Streets' deleted scenes!"

"I'm enjoying living in Orlando, FL, with lots of family nearby. I practice financial planning in the Winter Park area, and obtained my C.F.P. in February '07. I'm looking forward to making more time for creative projects in the coming years," notes **Ana Fernandez '88**.

Members of the Class of '88 continue to send thoughts and prayers to Class President **Gwen Futral Gallagher '88** and her five children, who live in Jacksonville, FL. Gwen's husband died in December in a tragic accident. (See *Sympathy*, Spring 2008.)

Beth Herndon '88 of Decatur, GA, is a leadership developer and human resources consultant who recently started her own practice. She enjoys playing trombone and drums in community jazz. She and her partner, Robin, live in Decatur, GA. Beth received her M.A. in organizational communication from UNC-Chapel Hill.

Elizabeth Whipple Kress '88 of Guyton, GA, married Jim in 1994 when she lived in Tallahassee, FL. "We have three children: Nolan (8) is in the 2nd grade and very bright; Ryan (4) will be in pre-K this August and he's the humorous one; Maddux, we call "Maddie," turned 2 in February and she is a 'girlie girl' working on bossing her brothers. Jim is employed by the Dept. of Corrections, and I am a dental hygienist, who currently stays at home. So, I work full-time managing our home, children, and husband!"

Lorie Patterson Lanier '88 says she enjoys life as a mother of two. "I am on the Parent Board at my children's school and work to coordinate a parent-run science program. I am also a leader in the women's ministry at our church." Lorie serves as the business manager for her husband, Stanton, who is a pianist and composer. Their non-profit organization, Music to Light the World, seeks to bring peace and rest to people in their hurried lives. Lorie received her M.B.A. in finance from UGA. The Laniers live in Marietta, GA.

Susan Brown Poe '88 and husband Tim reside in Cartersville, GA, with their daughter, Katie (8). Susie is a math teacher at Matthews Alternative School in Paulding County, where she was recently named Teacher of the Year. She enjoys photography and scrapbooking, and leads her daughter's Brownie troop.

Class of 1983 25th reunion

(L to R) **Row 1:** Ginger Caldwell Musser, Peggy Jones Hall, Judith Lane Brown, Muffy Gordy Schladensky. **Row 2:** Beth Koon, Beth Mercer Haley, Wadra Garner McCollough, Lisa Story Neilson. **Row 3:** Cyndi Bell, Mary Ann Aiken Fitzgerald, Theresa Jones.



Susie is also very active in her church as a youth worker and Sunday School teacher.

Ginger McQueen Reeves '88 of Fayetteville, GA, enjoyed teaching school for 16 years. Now she only has one student - her son, Walter, who will turn 4 in May.

Maricka "Ricky" Rogers '88 of Ocala, FL, achieved nine industry certifications in the past 18 months, including American Society of Quality Certified Manager of Quality/Organizational Excellence, and Six Sigma Green & Black Belts. "I consulted as subject matter expert on the revision of the Manufacturing Standards Skills Certification Quality Exam. I am employed as a senior industrial engineer/performance management team coordinator at Lockheed Martin Corporation in Ocala." Ricky has an M.B.A. from Regis University (2005). She also has a WESLEYAN FIRST, as the first dual degree engineering graduate between Wesleyan and Mercer University School of Engineering.

Karen Melton Soeltz '88 of Stow, MA, has worked as the director of marketing at Bedford/St. Martins, a publishing company in Boston, for 16 years. I married in 2003 - Bill Soeltz - and became stepmother to Kyle (16) and Emilia (12). We had our daughter, Alexandra, in 2004 - extremely premature, weighing in at only 1 lb. 6 oz. She is now a wonderful and healthy 4-year-old. And, is adorable and smart." Karen also received an M.A. in art history at UNC-Chapel Hill.

"I am the mother of three children: Christian (17), Hannah (16), and Abi (12). My husband, Gene, and I celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary in May. We live in Dublin, GA, where I am an RN (Oncology certified RN) and the nursing manager of an outpatient infusion center at the Medical Center of Central Georgia. Our social life consists of watching our children's sporting events!" writes **Dawn Christian Stevens '88**.

Verah Dorsey Turner '88 lives in Conyers, GA, and works for the City of Atlanta. She and Tim Turner married in 1992.

Teri Coleman Wesselman '88 relocated back to Macon after 15 years of moving every 1.5-2 years with her husband, Jeff, who is a financial consultant with QHR, Inc. Jeff served as a CFO/CEO for various healthcare companies. They have two children - a daughter, Abby (almost 14) and a son, Bailey (nearly 12). "I have been blessed to be a stay-at-home mom, and am now homeschooling my children. I am also a 'barn' mom, and a mom raising a child with autism."

1990s

Maconite Saralynn Collins Harvey '90 was featured in the "Business Profile Section" of the *Macon Telegraph* in May 2008. She is the owner of Good to Go, a restaurant specializing in Southern-style food, although catering is a large part of her business. One of the original owners of Ingleside Village Pizza, Saralynn's latest venture is providing fresh-cooked food - no processed food for area schools. She is testing this idea at two local schools beginning this fall. Saralynn is a second-time president of the Greater Macon Women Business Owners organization. She has one daughter, Dylan Floyd. Husband Greg is a tour rigger for country singer Brad Paisley.

"We were married on April 12, 2008, at Grand Central Terminal in NYC. Ed's last name is Brown. I decided to not change my name (I liked Potter too much - besides, I had that name for 40 years). We left on a transatlantic crossing to England on the QE2 after our wedding. The ship passed over the Titanic site on the anniversary of the Titanic hitting the iceberg. They had a nice ceremony on the stern. We visited with my sister in England (she is stationed at Lakenheath Air Force Base) and visited the city of York for few days.

It was so awesome, I still haven't lived it all down!" writes **Amy Potter '90**. (See *Marriages*.)

Katie Compain '91 and Tom Cannon were married in a riverside ceremony outside of Asheville, NC, in July 2008. **Michelle Toole Westbrook '91** served as a bridesmaid, and Wesleyannes **Stephanie Carroll Young '92**, **Emily Adams Mowery '93**, **Daphne Nobles Markham '93**, **Cara Carroll Beatty '94**, and **Beth Kargel '91** were in attendance. (See *Marriages*.)

Shannon Hurley Ellard '91 and husband Win still live in Germantown, TN. They have three children: Annalise (6), Aiden (3), and Lorelei, who just celebrated her 1st birthday.

Beth Kargel '91 has received recognition from CFRE International as a certified fundraising executive, demonstrating knowledge, service to the community, fundraising achievement, and high ethical standards. Approximately 4,900 professionals have attained this credential worldwide, and Beth is one of only 90 in the state of Georgia. Beth continues to work as a development officer for Wesleyan College.

In Macon, **Kari Goellner Kitchens '91** and husband Sam stay busy with their three boys: Trapper (13), Hughes (12), and Koell (8). They are in the process of building their dream house in Jones County. Kari and Sam recently spent a weekend in Las Vegas with Kari's sister, **Trina Goellner Dean '93**, and her husband, Bryan.

Lizzie Wahab '91 of Eagleville, PA, is vice president for enrollment management for undergraduate and graduate programs at Rosemont College in Rosemont. Lizzie is expecting a third child in October. Her two children, Irina (7) and Aiden (almost 3), and her husband, Faisal, are excited about adding a new member to the family.

"Rejoice with me!" says **Rev. Jennifer Johnson '92** of Ashland, KY, who has contracted with Wild Rose Press to publish her first novel. It is a romance

entitled *The Jinx*, which should be out later this year.

Margaret "Mollie" Bell Smith '92, writes, "Our beautiful little wiggle worm, Preston, is almost 2 years old. "What fun he is! My husband, Tad, accepted a position with a natural products company in... California! Yes, this Georgia peach is all the way out here in Davis, CA. Everyone is fine, but I miss Georgia. Y'all be sweet now."

August was a busy month for Atlanta resident **Karin Fulford Smithson '92**. She and Joel moved into a new home they built in Buckhead, as they await the arrival of twins.

▲ 1993 (15th Reunion)

"Red Rules!" according to members of the Class of '93, whose class color is still a source of pride. Led by Reunion Chair and Class President **Ruth Powell Storts**, pirates cheered for alumnae award recipient **Sarah Chervenak**, and for class liaison **Alison Charney Hussey**, who announced the class gift at the annual meeting. Two *Talk-Till-You-Drop* pirate parties, one held at the home of **Mary Cay White McCullough** (on Friday) and one held at The Red Tomato Café (on Saturday) added to the "Back to the Future" feel of a fabulous 15th.

In January 2008, **Mary Cay White McCullough '93** was named executive director of The Georgia Children's Museum in Macon. Dedicated to providing a hands-on, interactive, and playful learning environment, GCM features interactive exhibits for children ages 1-12. Mary Cay and her husband, Terry, live in Macon with their two daughters, Caitlyn (11) and Maggie (6).

"I am a family medicine physician in Columbus, GA. I recently became a partner of the Columbus Clinic, and was recognized by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) for diabetes care, writes **Jill Kosobucki Moore '93**.



Class of 1988 20th reunion

(L to R) **Row 1:** Beth Herndon, Kecia Whitlock Cawthorne, Gwen Futral Gallagher, Terri Henry Parker, Lorie Patterson Lanier. **Row 2:** Mary Cobb Dugan, Ana Fernandez, Lynn Abney-Palloto, Verah Dorsey Turner, Teri Coleman Wesselman. **Row 3:** Jody Bethea Riggs, Susan Brown Poe, Kathy Lawrence Spada, Karen Melton Soeltz, Susan Baynes. **Row 4:** Margaret Baldwin Ligon, Deana Carlisle Carlson, Susan DeBay Farley, Cecilia Underwood Kovacs, Elizabeth Whipple Kress, Ricki Rogers, Pam Lohr Hendrix.

Daniella Bach Pedersen, M.D. '93 sends reunion greetings from Denmark to her Pirate class friends. A former Georgia Rotary Scholar, Daniella enjoyed her year at Wesleyan. "I have many fond memories of you all," she writes. Daniella graduated from medical school in 1998, and earned a Ph.D. in 2003. She is an ophthalmologist, who will specialize in glaucoma. She and her husband, Lars Holm, have three children: Rebekka (nearly 5) Johan (3 1/2) and Juliane (14 months) "I wanted to attend Alumnae Weekend but this was not possible with my little one."

Dina Pon '93 is enjoying being in Macon again. She relocated to Macon from North Liberty, IA, to accept a new position with GEICO as assistant vice president. Dina received her M.B.A. from Mercer University.

"I earned an M.B.A. from Mercer University and am currently the director, claim transformation for an insurance company called The Auto Club Group, which writes AAA insurance. I had a wonderful time at our class reunion reminiscing with old friends and seeing my sister," writes **Lori Pon '93** from Dearborn, MI.

Dawn Weber Snow '93 wants you to "Take it Personally!" That's the name of her new monogramming and embroidery store in Macon. Featured in *Address Macon* as a business owner who has a focus on unique products and customer service, Dawn has used her degree in business administration to fully involve her store in a commitment to business excellence within the Macon community.

"My husband and I have purchased our first home and are digging into home improvement projects and gardening. It's a wonderful time for us. I am still working in the rail industry as the director of operations for Infinity Rail," writes **Stephanie Pennington Cassamas '94** of Atlanta.

Nikki Collins MacMillan '94 serves as the associate executive presbyter of Flint River Presbytery, a regional

governing body of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Her husband, Doug, is the director of development for Columbia Theological Seminary. They live in Gray, GA, with their two sons, Will and Sam.

Lori Downie '95 relocated to Columbia, SC, in August '07, where she works as a psychologist for Richland School District. She and Todd J. Hudak, an advertising executive in Columbia, are busy planning for an October '08 wedding in Charleston.

"I married Rick Secord in March 2007 and bought my first home at the same time. Still procrastinating on my dissertation," says **Susan Horton Secord '95**, who lives in Villa Rica, GA. (See *Marriages*.)

Elizabeth Hart Bowling '96 of Tullahoma, TN, works as general counsel for Ascend Federal Credit Union, a financial institution with offices throughout Middle TN. "I am LOVING living across the street from **Jenny Pozo Pfefferkorn '95**. We have had several Wesleyannes come and visit, and we welcome more."

Aimee Morris Lashley '96 of Macon enjoyed a "girls" weekend with **Kristin Conley Lamble '96**, **Heather Preuss Kent '96**, and **Stephanie Miller Kitleynn '96** in Jacksonville Beach, FL. They had a fantastic time together, and already have it on the calendar again for next year!

Yehudi Self-Medlin '96 lives in North Andover, MA, where she is a research scientist at Elucida Research in Beverly studying drug interactions, cardiovascular disease, and diabetic conditions in model cell membranes. She also serves as board chair of Family Selection and Support for Habitat for Humanity - North Shore. Yehudi enjoyed being a hostess for the New York 2008 Leadership Institute reception at The Metropolitan Museum of Art in August. "I was impressed by the maturity of our students and by their determination to fulfill their dreams. It was surreal - standing in a room in the MET overlooking Central Park with

some of Wesleyan's greatest - past and future. Being pretty much alone up here, it was nice to reconnect with people and catch up," writes Yehudi.

Maconites **Andy and Beth Milstead Wilson '96** welcomed their seventh grandchild last October. Madison Lee Anne Wilson arrived October 3, 2007, and is perfect!

Stephanie Pate Lewis '97 sends an update: "I still live in Rome, GA, with my husband, Jason, and our sons, Carter (5) and Aaron (1). Aaron was born three days after my 10 year reunion! It has been a busy year. Jason's dad, Ralph Lewis, lived with us for a year before he passed away in our home on April 15, 2008, due to cancer. On a happier note, my family spent the weekend with Joseph and **Mary Mitchell McKinnon '97** in May. They were great hosts. We even got to see **Jena Forehand Collins '97**. I have also been named to the alumnae association's Board of Managers and Jason is running for Superior Court Judge of Floyd County."

"My fiancé, Jason G. Cripps, and I met on eharmony in May 2007, in person on June 30, 2007, and got engaged on July 21, 2007. The wedding was on August 2, 2008, in Tega Cay, SC, with the cocktail hour and reception following at The Ballantyne Resort in nearby Charlotte, NC. It was everything I'd dreamed of and more because of who I was marrying! Jason holds a B.A. in performing arts theater and is an award winning actor, writer, and director. I'm looking for work with children/youth as I decide between going for my master's degree in social work or psychology. I feel so blessed that Jace and I found each other," writes **Maris Williams Cripps '97** of Fort Mill, SC. (See *Marriages*.)

▲ 1998 (10th Reunion)

Purple Knights of '98 enjoyed a Wesleyan reunion in the fast lane, as reunion committee members **Pamela Davis Corvelli**, **Amanda Allen**, and **Jennifer Pierce Lowe** planned for a

progressive class party that began at The Tic Toc Room on Friday night, continued on Saturday night at the home of **Patrenice Guthrie Thomas '96** (Big Sister class), and ended on Sunday morning with the PK's traditional Farewell Brunch, held this year at O'Charley's. Class Liaison **Julie Houston-Trieste** encouraged class gifts honoring this special anniversary, and with ten years of sisterhood to celebrate, the weekend was jam-packed full of fun and memorable stories.

Carrie Felguth Boyer '98 sent this update: "Chris and I live in Jacksonville, FL, and will celebrate our 2nd wedding anniversary on December 30! We are still praying for children. Chris is getting his M.B.A. degree, and is working hard for the government. I am working hard as a music teacher and Mary Kay consultant. I LOVE what I do!"

Erin Dallas '98 returned to Memphis, TN, after receiving a promotion with Thomson West. "I am an account manager for small law firms in MS, AK, the Memphis area, and northern LA. I spent 19 long months in MN and it was nice having my only roommate **Kimberly Benoit '98** move to the Twin Cities and work for Target (CONGRATS KIMMIE JEAN!). It was also cool to have a mini-reunion dinner with **Tamalyn Jackson Gutierrez '98** and Kim all the way in St. Paul, MN."

In May 2008, **Brandy Hayes '98** received the "Steel Magnolia Spirit Award" for service to the Macon Professional Women's Sertoma Club. The annual award is given in loving memory of former club member and friend, BJ Cain. Brandy will serve as the director of programs for the Sertoma Club for the next fiscal year. Brandy also vacationed in Flamingo, Costa Rica, with her family in July. Highlights of the trip included a canopy tour by zip line, an ATV tour of Flamingo, and a trip to the warm springs. Our thanks to Brandy for serving as member-at-large for student relations on the alumnae association's Board of Managers.

Class of 1993 15th reunion

(L to R) **Row 1:** Dina Pon, Lori Pon, Eileen Gray Booth, Ruth Powell Storts, Barbara Summers Blevins, Phaedra Parks. **Row 2:** Stephanie Douglas, Alison Charney Hussey, Melanie Filson Lewis, Jill Kosobucki Moore, Lisa Theiling Stamey, Emily Adams Mowery. **Row 3:** Beth Hastings, Leigh Copeland Sayers, Sarah Chervenak, Melissa Bell



"I've been married now for 2 1/2 years to wonderful Casey Hines. I'm working at CDC in Atlanta, which I love. We're looking for a new home, that we hope to have later this year. I received a master's degree in public health at Emory's Rollins School of Public Health," writes **Lisa Bridges Hines '98** of Norcross, GA. Lisa also serves as president of the Atlanta Wesleyan Alumnae Club.

"I have three sons! Joseph (6), Matthew (3), and Sean Charles, who was born August 1, 2007," says proud mother **Melinda Caspers Thompson '98** of Helena, AL. "We are very busy with baseball now!" Melinda works for Wachovia Bank in construction loan administration. She and Danny celebrated their 10th anniversary in June. (See *Births*.)

Carrie Walker Dumm '99 of Senoia, GA, and husband Joe were blessed to welcome twin babies on March 8, 2007. She writes, "During our short stay in the hospital, we enjoyed a visit from '99 Golden Hearts **Amanda Marine Evans** and **Sarah Marshall Nester**. Timothy James (TJ) and Allyson Morgan are both healthy bundles that are now walking (in different directions) and eating anything we put on their plate. Is it too early to start teaching Allyson the Alma Mater and class songs?" (See *Births*.)

In Macon, **Amanda Benson Gay '99** works at Techwood Precision Engineering. She serves on the board of directors of the Junior League of Macon, where she was elected treasurer for 2007-08.

2000s

Edwin and **Amanda Bickley Aguilar '00** of Kathleen, GA, are expecting their first child in November. They live in Kathleen, GA.

Lareine Danforth Archer '00 and husband Tom live in Winston-Salem, NC, where Lareine works as a graphic designer and Tom is in advertising. The couple married in January 2008. (See *Marriages*.)

Margaret Guiberteau '00 is back in the US after spending two years touring Australia, New Zealand, and Europe with Cirque du Soleil. She has returned home to Houston, TX, where she is enjoying "being still" until her next tour starts in November. Margaret will be serving as the assistant technical director for the Great American Royal Circus - a non-profit, animal free circus. Her tour will be in Macon in January '09, so come for a visit if you like!

For the past eight years life has been very busy for **Shannan Zuromski Hinners '00** of Kathleen, GA. This fall she has started work on her M.A.S. in administration/logistics management at Georgia College and State University. Shannan married Hans Hinners (a University of Southern California grad) at Wesleyan in April 2002, and they have two beautiful children - Aiden, (5 in December) and Sierra, (3 in October). Shannon notes, "Hans and I work for the U.S. Special Operations Forces Program Office in Warner Robins, where we are both in engineering, though Hans works the Gunships and I work cross platform Avionics. It's been odd to work on the same projects - Hans being the engineer while I am the technical lead. It also means frequent trips for either/ or both of us to Ft. Walton Beach just about every other month."

Special kudos to **Katie Sadler-Stephenson '00** and her husband, Keith, (a.k.a. the Class of 1958's own Purple Knight) and to their horse, Sundance, who presence on campus during Alumnae Weekend added a special ambiance to reunion activities. Katie designed the PK regalia for her horse, while Keith rode through campus as the "Knight," garnering photo-ops along the way. As regular participants in Renaissance festivals, Katie, Keith, and Sundance were glad to be able to help the Class of 1958 celebrate their 50th reunion.

GK Shana Underwood-Stephens '00 lives in Bonaire, GA. She is currently a school teacher with a master's degree

and attends law school.

According to **Cally Whiddon '00** of Eagle River, AK, she's enjoying the Alaskan adventure but misses the warm Georgia days.

"I just got married on July 6, 2008, to a wonderfully devoted and loving man, Rev. Hudson Avery, Jr. I also was Star Teacher at my former school, Greenville High School, in Greenville, GA," writes **Adrienne Cooper-Jones '01** of Thomaston, GA. (See *Marriages*.)

JaVonna Daniels '01 of Savannah, GA, remembers Dr. Darlene Mettler who, she says, made her time at Wesleyan a pleasant one. "Dr. Mettler kept me positive and always reminded me things would be okay. I will never forget her, including our trip to London in 1998 - my first airplane ride ever!"

Andrea Morgan Mendez '01 of Covington, GA, welcomed her second son into the world in March. "His name is Daniel Eliot Mendez and he joins his big brother, David Jr., in making our family complete," reports Andrea. (See *Births*.)

DeAndrea Richard '01, marketing coordinator for Marketing Solutions in Macon, received her M.B.A. degree from Wesleyan in March '08. She and Cohort XI members enjoyed their trip to Russia.

"I just bought my first home and am so glad to have my two best friends from Wesleyan - **Christy Johnson '02** and **Kathryn Marshall Wilcher '02**, living less than 10 minutes away! I enjoy my new job as a classroom facilitator and job coach at Kirkland and Company in Warner Robins. I'd like to say a special thank you to my friends from Wesleyan who drove down to Moultrie to be with me when my mother died: **Kathryn Marshall Wilcher, Sydney Elkin '04, Serena Ingram '04, McKenzie Beitz '04, Thuy Vo '08** and **Lauren Elser '10**. My sisters made a very hard day much easier," writes **Bria Andrew '02** of Macon. (See *Sympathy*.)

Ruby Buah '02 of Atlanta is a financial analyst for Coca Cola Enterprises but

her passion is making jewelry. "I am fortunate to be able to work full-time in my profession, and also start my handcrafted jewelry business, which is very exciting! It started as a hobby and, as people asked to buy some of the pieces I was wearing, I decided to look into making it a business. I have a website for my company named Stringz Attached Jewelry: stringzattached.com." According to Ruby, her business degree from Wesleyan helped prepare her for running her small business.

Eunjin Cho '02 joined the faculty at LSU soon after receiving her M.F.A. in sound design from the College Conservatory of Music-University of Cincinnati in 2005. She is assistant professor of sound design. Eunjin is also sound designer for both Swine Palace and LSU Theatre Main Stage productions. Her sound design credits include Southern Rep. in New Orleans, LA; Buffalo State College in Buffalo, NY; the Human Race Theatre Company in Cincinnati; the Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park; and Chautauqua Theatre Company in Chautauqua, NY. Her international credits include *The Heidi Chronicles*, which were performed at the Beijing Central Academy of Drama and the Shanghai Dramatic Arts Centre China. Eunjin recently designed *Love Still Unrequited* at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Life at Wesleyan is still sweet "the second time around." **Andrea Clark '02** of Atlanta, who works at Emory University as an admission advisor, earned a second Wesleyan degree in March 2008 - her M.B.A., after completing course work that took her on a study abroad trip to Russia.

Chenny Gan '02, of Los Angeles, CA, has had a busy summer - her own prelude to a wedding! She completed coursework for a doctorate degree in musical arts; performed for Wesleyan's Legacy Gala in May; taught and performed in China as a visiting lecturer through June; joined the art and music faculty for Midsummer



Class of 1998 10th reunion

(L to R) **Row 1:** Emily Carr, Dena Zeitouni Ellis, Susan Wilson Toler, Pamela Davis Corvelli, Kenithe Biggs, Brandy Hayes. **Row 2:** Jennifer Allen Edwards, Lora Tolley Peppard, Alanda Hermann James, Julie Houston Trieste, Erin Dallas, Kimberly Benoit, Amanda Allen, Jeanne Barbee. **Row 3:** Dottie Blun Chambers, Stacy Reynolds Forehand, Mandy Satterfield, Melinda Caspers Thompson, Lisa Bridges Hines.

Macon at Wesleyan; and spent the rest of the summer in Germany (near her German engineer fiancé) performing and completing a mural in a castle that was once W.A. Mozart's childhood summer home before returning to the states to marry Ernst Takacs in August. Wesleyan Chaplin Rev. Bill Hurdle performed the ceremony at the home of Chenny's parents who live at Lake Tobesofkee near Macon. (See *Marriages*.)

Courtney Jones '02 received her M.S.W. from Savannah State University on May 10, 2008. She just started a new job in Eastman, GA.

Elizabeth Milam '02 (M.A.) has a new name. She and Jonas Gabriel Dobkins married in June 2008, at the home of her mother, Susan Milam '04 (M.A.) in Macon. Elizabeth teaches at St. Peter Claver Catholic School in Macon. Her husband, who served in the Navy for eight years and is a veteran of the Persian Gulf War, works for GEICO. (See *Marriages*.)

In June, **Kirston Smith '02** of Urbana, IL, began work on her master's degree in social work at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She will specialize in community mental health.

"I've been traveling around the world again - this time to France and Morocco. I even have photos of me wearing my Wesleyan shirt in the Sahara Desert," writes **Jody Swink '02** of Sainte Genevieve, MO.

Katie Taylor '02 completed an M.F.A. in acting at Catholic University of America in DC and, after acting for a while, is now in law school. She lives in Chevy Chase, MD.

Beth Williford '02 of Lafayette, IN, is happy to report that on November 10, 2007, in Baños, Ecuador, she married Juan Pablo Ruiz Jara. A stateside celebration was also planned. Beth represented Wesleyan College at President Córdova's inauguration at Purdue University. She writes, "I had lunch with delegates representing the most prestigious universities in the

country. Most of the participants were much more 'advanced' in age, so it was an interesting story to tell - to be the youngest delegate and from the 'oldest and best.' We entered Elliot Hall in the order of each university's founding date. Mount Holyoke's representative was surprised to take a few steps back to let Wesleyan (and Emory) in ahead of her because of our 1836 charters!" (See *Marriages*.)

2003 (5th Reunion)

Margarita's was the place to be for the GH '03 class party, where a festive 5th stayed true to tradition, as classmates returned to the old student haunt but in a new location! Class President and Reunion Chair **Asha Smith** paved the way for GH spirit to shine throughout weekend, when class members renewed friendships and relived memories. **Abbie Brannon Covenah** served as the class liaison from afar - in Iowa.

Abbie Brannon '03 married Dorsey Covenah on October 27, 2007, in Dallas, TX. Her wedding party included **Mary Kathryn Borland '04**, **Natalie Puckett Evans '02**, and **Jennifer Howard '04**. **Angel Feightner '08** and **Heather Poindexter '05** were also in attendance. Abbie lives in Cedar Rapids, IA, where she works as a database administrator for the United Way. (See *Marriages*.)

Rachel Garcia '03 of Astoria, NY, is busy doing her clinical clerkship at several hospitals in Queens. She recently became an aunt to Angelina Fredriksen. Rachel enjoyed being an alumna hostess for the 2008 Leadership Institute reception at The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

Since her marriage to John Lesho in 2003, **Meara Richter Lesho '03** has lived in Baltimore, MD, and in Pyonteak and Osanab, South Korea. Now she lives in Tucson, AZ, where she is the director of public relations to the Pima County Attorney, Barbara LaWall.

"I have two children, Mollie Grace (4) and Matthew Miles (1). I currently teach kindergarten at Screven

Elementary School," writes **Hannah Harrell Martin '03** from Jesup, GA.

After receiving a master's degree in social work from UGA in 2005, **Holly McMillian '03** has relocated to Clarksville, TN, where she works as a school-based therapist. She writes, "I got engaged to Christopher Klich in November 2007 and am planning a wedding for 2009 while my fiancé is deployed to Afghanistan for 15 months."

Alicia Pitts '03 lives in Gray, GA, and is assistant manager of Walgreens. She is proud of her second degree from Wesleyan, an M.B.A., which she received in May 2008, after a study abroad trip to Chile and Argentina.

Brandy Heineman Steffensen '03 shares some sad news. "Both of my husband's parents, Gilbert and Velma Steffensen, and my great-grandmother, Ross Loop, have gone to be with the Lord this year." Brandy lives in Kennesaw, GA. She works in leasing in Alpharetta.

In May 2008, **Arizona Williams White '03** earned a second degree from Wesleyan - an M.B.A. She enjoyed coursework that took her to Chile and Argentina in order to complete her studies. Arizona works as a consultant in Macon.

Tara Hatfield Crooms '04 of Gordon, GA, married Brian T. Crooms of Milledgeville, GA, on June 2, 2007. Her father-in-law, Ronald H. Crooms (former US Navy and Vietnam War) died on April 11, 2008. Tara currently works as a land surveying assistant with Barker & Associates in Sandersville, GA. (See *Marriages*, Spring 2008.)

Cat McGinnis '04 graduated from the UGA College of Veterinary Medicine on May 3, 2008. "Dr. Cat" has accepted a position at Anderson Animal Hospital in Hartsville, SC. "Even though I will be far away from my family, the clinic is exactly the type of practice I was looking for - specializing in both small animal and equine. The two other doctors there are both women and are committed to mentoring me. It will be a

great place for me to learn and grow as a doctor," writes Cat.

"In November, I will be singing the Hindemith 'Die Serenaden' and The three Mallarme poems by Ravel with a traveling chamber group. I am singing again with the Nashville Opera and also will be singing the World Premiere of Rachel DeVore Fogarty's 'Spoon River,' a concert ballet to be premiered with the Nashville Ballet in the 2009-2010 season. I have also been rehired for some other performances this season such as 'Messiah,'" reports **Sabrina Laney Warren '04** from Nashville, TN.

Macon firefighter **Stephanie Burke '05** is acting captain of the Macon-Bibb County Fire Department. Stephanie earned her M.B.A. degree from Wesleyan in May 2008. She and fellow Cohort XII members celebrated completion of their graduate studies after a study abroad trip to Argentina and Chile.

Antonette Edwards '05, a current law student at Duke University, also received her second degree from Wesleyan - an M.B.A. - in March 2008, after a study abroad trip to Russia that was part of the EMBA program.

Heather Hughes '05 of New York, NY, lives in Washington Heights. She's in school again, this time studying film and television acting. Heather has been an extra on the local Fox News morning program. She served as an alumna hostess at the 2008 Leadership Institute reception at The Metropolitan Museum of Art in August.

Monycia Everett Noblin '05 is a medic in the Army and has been in Iraq for 8 months. She writes, "I've been thinking of Wesleyan during these months. I viewed the photos from Alumnae Weekend on the website and can see that everyone really enjoyed themselves. I look forward to visiting the campus when I return to the states."

Christine Saunders '05 is in law school at The University of Georgia in Athens.

Carmen Valdez '05 has moved to North Miami Beach, FL, where she

Class of 2003 5th reunion

(L to R) **Row 1:** Regina Wright McRae, Lekeia Davis Rovier, Shennel Reedy, Namita Mohanty, Lauren Haney. **Row 2:** Meara Lesho, Holly McMillian, Hannah Martin, Sherrie Randall. **Row 3:** Elaina Winter, Brandy Steffensen, Jennica Schenck Cornine, Rachel Garcia, Mary Barineau Brock. **Row 4:** Tara Crooms, Asha Smith, Brittany Wilson, Nessa Cruthirds Griffin, Nicki Leigh Neufeld.



teaches first and second grade gifted children at Norland Elementary. Nominated for the 2007-08 Rookie Teacher of the Year, she began graduate studies for a degree in special education at St. Thomas University this year. Carmen continues to volunteer with Amigo for Kids.

"Hello from beautiful Spokane, WA! My husband, Capt. Gary Lee Cooper, USAF (we married May 26, 2006) is now stationed at Fairchild Air Force Base here. We are enjoying the beautiful scenery and weather. Life after Wesleyan has been quite eventful. After completing a master's degree in public administration at GCSU, I am now enrolled at Gonzaga University, working towards a doctorate in leadership studies. I work with the Spokane County Superior Court Guardianship Monitoring Program. I wish all Wesleyan's, past and present, great success and good health," writes Nyasha Guramatunhu-Cooper '06.

Mollie Elizabeth "Liz" Hughes '06 finished her master's degree in film production at Chapman University in Orange County, CA, this past spring. She is working in the film industry.

In Macon, Diane McCarthy '06 works as charge nurse for Hartley Woods Health and Rehabilitation Center. Diane completed her M.B.A. degree from Wesleyan in May 2008. She enjoyed her study abroad trip to Argentina and Chile.

Petrona Salmon '06 has moved to Manlius, NY, where she is attending graduate school at the University of Syracuse. Petrona will miss her work as director of residence life at Wesleyan.

Dani Sawtell '06 is production manager at Excitement Technologies, based in Dallas, TX. She has built and designed laser shows for Christina Aguilera, Roger Waters, Hanna Montana, 311, Black Sabbath, and Prince, and has traveled to Japan, Europe, and throughout the U.S. with the company. This fall, she will help with a laser installation at The Black Pearl (club) in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Dani

is also working with special effects for the touring show *Shrek: The Broadway Musical*.

April Shearer '06 is pursuing an M.S. in educational leadership at Nova Southeastern University. When she is not studying, she is teaching 7th & 8th grade language arts, US history, and world cultures to students with specific learning disabilities at Southwest Middle School in Palm Bay, FL.

Jas'min Shy '06 teaches 3rd grade at Burdell Hunt Elementary School in Macon.

Amy Smith '06 is a second year law student at UGA. She looks forward to doing an internship in the Savannah area next summer.

2007 (1st Reunion)

Golden Hearts of 2007 showed they are still "winners from the start" as their *first-for-friends* weekend planned by Morgan Faircloth Carpenter, Chelsea Lalla, Micah Wilson, Morgan Felts, and Lauren Holliday, (class liaison) took shape. El Sombrero Mexican Restaurant served as GH party central where classmates took pride in celebrating a WESLEYAN FIRST – their first reunion.

Summer 2008 was a busy one for Jennifer Chafin-Mize '07. She graduated with honors from South University in Savannah, GA, with an M.B.A. in marketing. Almost immediately she began work on her D.B.A. in finance at Argosy University in Atlanta.

Cassandra Dorsey '07 teaches biology at Southwest High School in Macon. She will move to Washington state next year to work on her doctorate degree in marriage and family therapy. Also, Cassandra is busy planning for her wedding next summer.

Ashley Hare '07 graduated from Wesleyan with the goal of working with youth at risk. In June '09 she will join the Peace Corps, working in sub-Saharan Africa in the field of youth development in the fine arts. Meanwhile, she has

attracted notice in Washington, DC, with her work at Imagination Stage. She works evenings as an assistant at the Writer's Center, and is in demand as a stage manager. She stage managed two shows this past summer at the Capitol Fringe, "Oens" by a Brazilian playwright and "Sex, Love, and Vomit." Arianna Ross, head of the story telling group "Story Tapestries," has invited Ashley to be her assistant in the Metro DC schools and to begin teaching her own classes. Ashley is interviewing to be satellite coordinator for Imagination Stage; she would help bring drama classes to more public schools in the DC area.

In Macon, Chelsea Lalla '07 is busy making wedding plans with fiancé Andrew Ray for October 2008.

Lacey Lindquist '07 of Statham, GA, and Malcolm Uhl, are planning for a 2009 wedding.

Graduate Class Notes Section

COHORT II

Edna Goddard Primas, M.B.A. '03 was sorry to miss the annual Wesleyan EMBA Picnic in July due to a commitment in Phoenix, AZ, where she attended her graduation ceremony from The University of Phoenix, and received her Ph.D. in health administration! In addition to her work with the Medical Center of Central Georgia, Edna also teaches MBA students employment law and labor relations online with Davenport University.

COHORT VI

Stephanie Monahan, M.B.A. '06, is using her M.B.A. to conduct community volunteer work. In addition to starting the GFWC Eastern Area Women's Club of Easton, PA, and becoming the chapter president, she has become the Easton Area volunteer director for the Obama campaign. Stephanie was asked

to speak at the introductions during Obama's visit to her area (there were over 4,000 people!). She also served on the greeting team. Stephanie is having so much fun using her M.B.A. for public service – it's what she had always hoped she would get to do.

COHORT XI

Terry Torbett, M.B.A. '08 entered Capella University's program of business management, after completing her M.B.A. at Wesleyan, where she is studying health care marketing. Terry is proud to be a Wesleyan alumna, and strongly believes that Wesleyan and its superbly professional instructors have allowed her to greatly further her career goals and potential as an executive. Due to her academic GPA at Wesleyan and Wesleyan's own high standards, Capella University gave Terry 48 hours of credit toward her Ph.D. This is the MAXIMUM they have ever given! Terry says, "Way to go Wesleyan," because without the fine preparation and exceptional staff she would not be pursuing her dreams! Terry has another dream come true to celebrate. She's getting married soon and is busy making arrangements for the ceremony.

COHORT XI

Congratulations to Wesleyan alumnae Andrea Clark '02, Antonette Edwards '05, and DeAndrea Richard '01, who earned M.B.A. degrees from Wesleyan after completing final course work with a study abroad trip to Russia. The graduation ceremony took place in Oval Hall on March 29, 2008.

COHORT XII

Congratulations to Wesleyan alumnae Stephanie Burke '05, Diane McCarthy '06, Aliscia Pitts '03, and Arizona Williams White '03, who all earned M.B.A. degrees from Wesleyan in May 2008, after completing final graduate study trips abroad to Argentina and Chile.



Class of 2007 1st reunion

(L to R), **Row 1:** Noelle Goodman, Melinda Fitzgerald Goggans, Chelsea Lalla, Morgan Faircloth Carpenter, Tiffany Hatch. **Row 2:** Lacey Lindquist, Amanda Wilson, Dawn Powell, Materra Drafts.



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Occupation: Marketing & Communications Manager, Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce.

Alumnae Activities: Macon Young Alumnae Club, co-leader; Class Reunion Committee; Candlelighter; Alumnae E-Link Program; Alumnae Hall Program participant.

Community Activities: 2008 Leadership Macon, Race for the Cure volunteer co-chair, Young Adult Ministries (Middle Georgia Catholic Group).



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Advanced Degree: M.A. in history, Georgia College and State University; Additional course work, Jacksonville State University, educational leadership; current student, University of West Georgia (Ed.S. in instructional technology).

Occupation: Former math and social studies teacher at Bob Richards Regional Youth Detention Center; Recipient, statewide Department of Juvenile Justice Teacher of the Year; 2007 Employee of the Year, Bob Richards RYDC

Alumnae Activities: Class Liaison; Reunion Co-Chair; Chattanooga Alumnae Group

Community Activities: Treasurer, Junior Service League of Rome; Deacon, Sunday School teacher, children's teacher, and committees at First Baptist Church in Rome.



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GLENDA KINGRY ELLIOTT '65, MACON, GEORGIA

Advanced Degree: M.A. in family therapy, Mercer University.

Occupation: Social worker; Retired as Coordinator of Senior Services at The Medical Center of Central Georgia, Director of Golden Opportunities (older adult program) and Geriatric Care Manager.

Alumnae Activities: Past President, Macon Wesleyan Alumnae Club; First Vice President, Board of Managers; Finance and Nominating Committees, Board of Managers; Reunion Chair and Co-chair; Class Liaison; Presidential Inaugural Gala Committee; Candlelighter; Macon Club Christmas Coffee Hostess.

Community Activities: Founding President, Central Georgia Alzheimer's Association; Lifetime Board Member Emeritus status and 1998 recipient of Fred P. Manget Award for Outstanding Community Service to Older Adults, Macon-Bibb County Meals on Wheels; Leader of Stephen Ministry, Sunday School teacher and lay leader at Forest Hills United Methodist Church.

It has been said, "The future is always beginning now." Your generous gifts to Wesleyan's Annual Fund help shape that future each and every day - each and every year. We thank you for your faith in the College and for your support in helping shape her future. You are truly partners in Wesleyan's success and, especially, in the success of the wonderful young women who continue to embody the glorious spirit of Wesleyan. Thank you!

The Marvelous Month of May

REFLECTIONS ON A MONTH FILLED WITH WESLEYAN MEMORIES & MUSIC

— BY NADINE CHEEK WHITNEY '79, HEYWARD CHAIR OF MUSIC

The month began with the wedding of a former student, Saralyn Stewart '02 to Michael Fulcher, in Madison, Georgia, on a beautiful, bucolic farm. Saralyn had invited a number of Wesleyan alumnae and former members of the Wesleyannes to her wedding on May 3, and she asked them to sing during the ceremony. The former Wesleyannes were a marvelous addition to the beautiful ceremony and the reunion of Wesleyannes was exciting to see and to take part in. As their former teacher, I must say that they made me very proud!

The following Sunday, Sabrina Laney Warren '04 came back to Macon for another friend's graduation from Mercer. She had contacted me ahead of time to ask if she could return to St. Paul's Episcopal Church and sing for us. When Sabrina was a Wesleyan student she had a scholarship from St. Paul's and sang with our choir as a section leader. After Wesleyan, Sabrina completed her MM in Vocal Performance and Pedagogy at Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee. She and her husband, Eric, still live in Nashville, where Sabrina is an active performer and also teaches as an adjunct for Belmont University. In spite of the tornado and horrible weather in Macon on that Mother's Day, Sabrina's singing was simply glorious!

That same day, the Wesleyannes '08-'09 left for their Spring Tour. Our first stop was Albany, Georgia, where the students helped to serve dinner as part of the "Feed the Neighbors" ministry of the First United Methodist Church.

Following the dinner, the Wesleyannes offered a performance for the "Neighbors" as well as for other members of the church and the community. It was a wonderful experience to be part of serving the food to some of the locals and then offering them some of our music to round out the evening. All who attended really enjoyed the music, as well as the food, and I was so proud of our Wesleyannes.

The next stop on our tour was Madison, Florida. This stop was particularly exciting for me because my college roommate, Debbie Peacock Norris '79, lives in Madison and I had not seen her in many years. Debbie met and married her husband, Lee Norris, because I took her home with me one weekend when we were students and Lee was my friend from high school and at church. Little did I know when I took her with me to church that Sunday, that they would get married, have three handsome sons, and open and run Norris Pharmacy in Madison for many years. Debbie invited the Wesleyannes to have lunch at the pharmacy restaurant known as "The Lady Bug Café." Debbie's recipe for chicken salad is the highlight on the menu and it was indeed delicious!

The Wesleyannes tour continued with stops in Tallahassee, Ocala, and Leesburg, Florida. We even found time to spend a marvelous afternoon at the beach during our journey in the "Marvelous Month of May."

LANE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

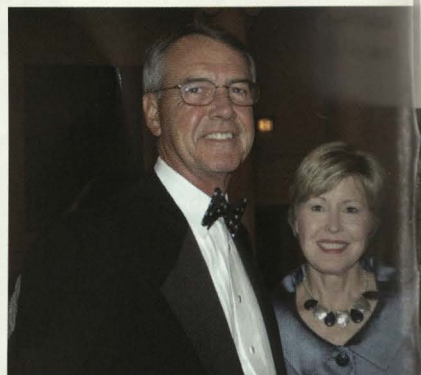
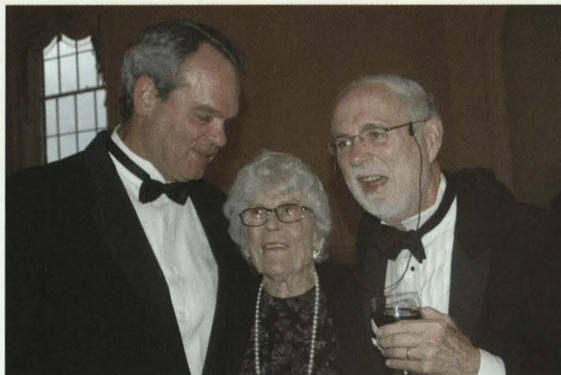
"I did not even realize I was a candidate for a scholarship, but I was invited to attend Scholarship Day as a high school student. I was so excited when I heard that I had not only received the new Lane Scholarship but also would be the first Lane recipient ever at Wesleyan. This achievement really sets a high standard for me. Wesleyan has great confidence in me and receiving this scholarship has encouraged me to accomplish great things." Meredith Bertschin, Lane Scholar

The Lane Scholars Program provides two scholarships annually to academically superior first year applicants for admission whose intended major is in the area of Fine Arts. Each scholarship recipient receives an annual award valued at \$16,000 per year. This program is in honor of Linda H. Lane who was a friend, leader, benefactor, and an associate professor of music at Wesleyan. To nominate a prospective student, please call us at 800-447-6610.



2008 Legacy Gala

The 2008 Legacy Gala honored a special community of alumnae and friends who embrace excellence in women's education and express support for Wesleyan by making leadership gifts to the Annual Fund each fiscal year. Two leadership giving societies help us enrich the lives of today's students. Chartered in 1989, the Society for the Twenty-First Century recognizes donors who make estate plans or life-income gifts benefiting Wesleyan College. Through their generous commitments, Society members will sustain and strengthen Wesleyan well into the College's third century. Also, the George Foster Pierce Leadership Society, named for Wesleyan's first president, recognizes alumnae and friends whose leadership support of the Annual Fund exceeds \$5,000 during the previous fiscal year.



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Visit the picturesque coastal town of Nauplia, then journey to Mycenae and visit Greece's archaeological underground treasure chest of royal tombs. Continue to Olympia, site of the Olympic Games in classical times. Then, experience Delphi, the site of the famed Oracle.

This wonderful travel opportunity is open to students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends. Our tour leaders will

be Dr. Vivian L. Fowler, Dean of the College; Dr. Tom Ellington, Assistant Professor of Political Science; and Dr. Karen Huber, Assistant Professor of History.

On the slopes of Mount Parnassus, in a landscape of unparalleled beauty and majesty lie the ruins of the Sanctuary of Apollo Pythios. We'll visit the treasury of the Athenians, the Temple of Apollo and the museum containing such masterpieces of ancient Greek sculpture as the bronze charioteer and the famous Athlete Aghias.

Join us for an unforgettable spring break travel experience. For information, contact Rejeana Cassady at (478) 757-5228.

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Award-winning Author Frederica Mathewes-Green

Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at 11:15AM
Taylor Hall Peyton Anderson Amphitheater
Mathewes-Green is an Orthodox Christian, lecturer and author of religious commentary. Free and open to the public. (478) 757-5134

Award-winning Author Esme Raji Codell

Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at 7PM
Taylor Hall Peyton Anderson Amphitheater
Esme is the author of the humorous, award-winning *Educating Esme: Diary of a Teacher's First Year*. Free & open to the public. (478) 757-5262

Race for the Cure

Saturday, October 25, 2008
Main Quad. 5K Race benefits the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Onsite registration available. (478) 757-5272

Lindy Burnett, Illustrator

November 6 – December 5, 2008
Opening reception: Nov. 6; 6-7:30PM
Valeria McCullough Murphey Art Building
Gallery Hours: M-F, 10-12 PM & 12:30-5 PM. Free & open to the public.

Wesleyan's Annual Fall Recital

Monday, November 10, 2008 at 7PM
Porter Auditorium. Featuring Wesleyan's music students. Free & open to the public. (478) 757-5259

Fiscal Fitness Lecture

Wesleyan Alumna Cyndey Busbee '92, MCGG Executive, will speak.
Thursday, November 13, 2008 at 11:15AM
Taylor Hall Peyton Anderson Amphitheater
Free & open to the public. (478) 757-5134

Annual AXIS International Dinner

Saturday, November 15, 2008 at 5PM
Anderson Dining Hall. Enjoy international cuisine prepared by Wesleyan's students. A great family event! \$6 adults, \$4 kids; all you can eat. All proceeds benefit scholarships. (478) 757-5134

Graffe String Quartet

Monday, November 17, 2008 at 7:30PM
Olive Swan Porter Building, Burden Parlor
Join us for this Macon Concert Association event. \$25 adults; \$15 students. For information & tickets, call (478) 743-6940.

The Little Prince

November 20, 21, 22, 2008 at 8PM;
2PM matinee on Saturday
Grassmann-Porter Studio Theatre. \$8 full price, \$4 students, alumnae, and senior citizens. A drama based on the book by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry. Suitable for children and adults. (478) 757-5259

Wesleyan's Annual Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 7, 2008 at 4PM
Porter Auditorium. Our celebrated annual concert featuring the Wesleyan Concert Choir & Wesleyannes. Free & open to the public. (478) 757-5259

8th Annual Storytelling Festival

Tuesday, December 9, 2008 7-9PM
Candler Alumnae Building, Benson Room
Enjoy riveting and mesmerizing stories at this fun family event. Free & Open to the public. (478) 757-5117

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